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The Inspiration and Appreciation that Teachers Deserve Every Day

A New Chicken Soup for the Soul Collection Shows Teachers They Do Make a Difference

COS COB, Conn. – Every adult can name a special teacher who affected his or her life. Teachers create our collective future, acting as role models and confidants, in addition to their official jobs helping students learn the curriculum.

And yet, today teachers are facing funding cuts and low morale, while we head toward a national teacher shortage. What better time than now to show teachers we need and appreciate them? The 101 stories in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Inspiration for Teachers* provide our educators with the inspiration and positive reinforcement they deserve every day.

“Teaching is not just what we do, teaching is what we are,” says California Teacher of the Year Alex Kajitani in his introduction to the book. He and Chicken Soup for the Soul’s editor-in-chief Amy Newmark put together this collection of 101 stories, choosing them from the thousands of stories that were submitted by teachers, who share their best lessons from the ups and downs of their careers, and from grateful students, who report on how teachers changed their lives.

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Inspiration for Teachers (Chicken Soup for the Soul, LLC; Amy Newmark & Alex Kajitani; April 18, 2017, 978-1-61159-966-4, \$14.95) is a gift to teachers—101 stories that will make them laugh a lot, cry a little, and nod their heads in recognition. New teachers, experienced teachers, and retired teachers will get a kick out of these stories. They’ll be inspired and re-energized by these personal accounts about what matters most—knowing they make a difference and have a lasting impact. It’s a fascinating look inside the classroom—from preschool to high school and beyond. We wouldn’t be surprised if it helps with teacher retention too, giving teachers the encouragement they need to stick with it and re-up for another year of making a difference.

ABOUT CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL

Chicken Soup for the Soul, the world’s favorite and most recognized storyteller, publishes the famous *Chicken Soup for the Soul* book series. With well over 100 million books sold to date in the U.S. and Canada alone, more than 250 titles, and translations into more than 40 languages, “chicken soup for the soul” is one of the world’s best-known phrases and is regularly referenced in pop culture. Today, 24 years after it first began sharing happiness, inspiration and hope through its books, this socially conscious company continues to publish a new title a month, but has also evolved beyond the bookstore with super premium pet food, television shows, podcasts, positive journalism from aplus.com, and licensed products, all revolving around true stories, as it continues “changing the world one story at a time[®].”

ABOUT ALEX KAJITANI

Alex Kajitani is the 2009 California Teacher of the Year, and a Top-4 Finalist for National Teacher of the Year. His book, *Owning It: Proven Strategies for Success in ALL of Your Roles As a Teacher Today*, was named “Recommended Reading” by the U.S. Department of Education. Alex is a highly sought after keynote speaker who supports and motivates teachers nationwide. He has a popular TED Talk, has been honored at The White House, and has been featured in numerous books and media outlets, including *The CBS Evening News with Katie Couric*. To learn more, visit www.AlexKajitani.com.

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