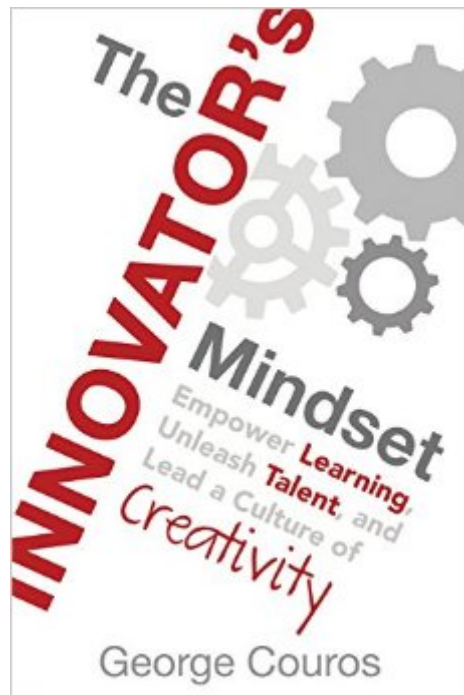


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# The Innovator's Mindset: Empower Learning, Unleash Talent, And Lead A Culture Of Creativity



## Synopsis

Kids walk into schools full of wonder and questions. How you, as an educator, respond to students' natural curiosity can help further their own exploration and shape the way they learn today and in the future. The traditional system of education requires students to hold their questions and compliantly stick to the scheduled curriculum. But our job as educators is to provide new and better opportunities for our students. It's time to recognize that compliance doesn't foster innovation, encourage critical thinking, or inspire creativity--and those are the skills our students need to succeed. In *The Innovator's Mindset*, George Couros encourages teachers and administrators to empower their learners to wonder, to explore--and to become forward-thinking leaders. If we want innovative students, we need innovative educators. In other words, innovation begins with you. Ultimately, innovation is not about a skill set: it's about a mindset. The *Innovator's Mindset* is for you if: You are a superintendent, district administrator, or principal who wants to empower your staff to create a culture of innovation You are a school leader - at any level - and want to help students and educators become their personal best. You are a teacher who wants to create relevant learning experiences and help students develop the skills they need to be successful. You'll be inspired to: Connect with other innovative educators Support teachers and leaders as learners Tap into the strength of your learning community Create ongoing opportunities for innovation Seek more effective methods for measuring progress And, most importantly, embrace change and use it to do something amazing

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## Customer Reviews

The Innovator's Mindset is a must-read for anyone interested in changing the way we approach learning in our schools. In creating this book filled with examples of practical strategies that school leaders can implement tomorrow, George has created a guide to help infuse innovative practices in schools and classrooms. George's questions for reflection at the end of each chapter are perfect entry points into school-wide or community-wide conversations about the type of learning environments that our students need. If you are an educator concerned with ensuring compliance then step away from this book. However, if you are an educator interested in how school leaders can build relationships within their school or district that will lead to higher-level pursuits for all learners, then this book needs to become a critical part of your learning library. The wonderful storytelling in this book coupled with its lack of educational jargon made it a joy to read!

Everyone has an innate desire to make a difference in the world and leave a lasting legacy. *Innovator's Mindset: Empower Learning, Unleash Talent, and Lead a Culture of Creativity* is a book that empowers teachers, administrators, coaches, parents, and anyone who cares about a quality education to make a difference-- now! George Couros creatively crafts a story that will touch your heart, inspire the greatness within you to make innovative changes for our kids, and cause you to take pause and reflect. Quotable quotes, research, resources, anecdotes, and actual how-to's fill every page. He'll push your thinking, and all the while you'll know that YOU too can make a significant impact on the lives of kids. There is a leader within whether you have a title or not and George will tap into your strength and model for you how to lead the way for meaningful change in your classroom, school, or learning community. His message resonates, and he'll meet you wherever you are in your journey and inspire you to take the next step. You won't be able to sit! If this book doesn't ignite the fire within, nothing will! George Couros is a master writer, communicator, and leader. His passion and love for learning are clearly evident in his inaugural book. If you love and care about kids, you'll love reading this book! There are tantalizing tidbits for EVERY learner. Couros says it so well, "Change is an opportunity to do something amazing." YOU can make a difference! Follow his lead. Leaders and teachers, this is your "go-to" book of the year and a MUST READ! I can't wait to read it a second time so that I can savor all of the deliciousness within its pages all over again! Dave and Shelley Burgess have done it AGAIN! It's a treasure to share with all of my colleagues!

If you are an educator, you must read this book. If you are a decision-maker in education, you, too, must read this book. If you are a parent whose children are currently in school, PLEASE read this

book. There is a way to deal with the fast pace in our world today due to many factors. Yes, one of those factors being personal technology. What Mr. Couros captures in *The Innovator's Mindset: Empower Learning, Unleash Talent, and Lead a Culture of Creativity* is just that, a mindset. Not a recipe, not a blueprint, not a prescription. The very nature of today's world is such that there is no surefire curriculum, program, system, or app that fits any one school district, school building, classroom, or even, any one child. Every chapter is clearly thought out and ends with thought-provoking questions that should be considered by everyone who plays any part in educating children. In the end, it's all about a culture. And that culture is held together by the most important driver in schools... Relationships, relationships, relationships. There has never been a more exciting time to be an educator and this book captures every reason why I believe that to be true.

*The Innovator's Mindset*, in addition to being a powerful and engaging narrative, is also a comprehensive and accessible guide to personal and professional reflection and learning for all "leaders", regardless of their role. George Couros skilfully weaves together personal anecdotes with insights and teachings from other educational leaders, guiding the reader through thoughtful reflection towards transformative change, both on a personal and organizational level. *The Innovator's Mindset* entertains and inspires, but also challenges us to do our very best for those we serve- our students!

The best educational resource I have ever read. Period. I have 32 years as an educator. In my present role, I have read over a dozen books just this year. Couros's book stands alone. I use Kindle Cloud Reader when I read. I highlighted 195 passages with 11 notes. The next closest resource had 29 highlighted passages with 3 notes. One of the coolest things about this book is how real it is. Its impact on our students in our district will be profound. Thank you George!

Sensational, Phenomenal, Transformational! If you only read one book this year, it should be *The Innovator's Mindset*. Well written, stunningly relevant and so very applicable. This book has the power to be life changing if we only let it. In so many ways, this book helped remind me why I chose to be an educator. It strengthened my resolve to be innovative, to do my best for each and every one of my students, as well as the students I've never met. I've been challenged to stretch my ideas of networking with my peers because it will make me a better teacher. Above all, I've walked away with a plethora of useful, immediately applicable ideas to use in my day-to-day classroom

experience. George Couros has a gift for reaching into the heart of what education really should be. He has hit the nail on the head and has reaffirmed so many of my beliefs as an educator in his book. It's not about what we teach our kids but how. It's not about the answers we provide, but the questions we ask. It's not about going broader in our content, but deeper. And, one of my favorite quotes from the book, "Learners are the driver, and technology is the accelerator." It's not about the technology we use, it's about the learners we are reaching. Thank you so very much Mr. Couros for writing such a poignant, thought provoking and inspiring book!

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