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Gender Lessons: Patriarchy, Sextyping Schools (Paperback)

By Scott Richardson

Sense Publishers, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 236 x 155 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Public schools in early America were designed to ensure the reproduction of Eurocentric social values. It could be argued that little has changed. Gender Lessons takes an in-depth look at how schools institutionalize gender-how kids are taught the rules and expectations of performing masculinity and femininity. This work provides extensive examples of how elementary, middle, and high schools: sextype; defend and preserve patriarchy; weave gendered expectations in all things school related; promote inequity; and limit their students potential by explicitly and implicitly teaching that they must fit into only one of two boxes. girl or boy. Richardson argues that schools-a powerful and wide reaching publicly funded mechanism-should be engaged in social (re)imagination that disbands the antiquated girl/boy and feminine/masculine binary so that kids might have a chance at being themselves. This book is sure to provoke conversation in courses and professional communities interested in education, gender studies, social work, sociology, counseling and guidance. In the 1970s, feminists fought to reform sexist school curricula and challenged taken-for-granted tracking of boys and girls. Forty years later, drawing from personal...



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