

Review of Angel Park

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Excellent and Edgy Look at Our Education System

Author Patricia Kokinos in her thrilling novel “Angel Park” presents a story and theme unlike anything ever I have read—and that is saying a lot since I review several hundred books every year. This book was a very pleasant surprise to me. I was certainly not expecting to be blown away by a book on the subject of teachers and our education system. The author connects a great story line, wonderfully alive characters while balancing a good dialog with a narrative that flows.

My son-in-law is a former classroom teacher and now a Vice Principal at a grammar school. From what I know of what he and his co-workers experience daily, I found this book not really too far fetched at all. The delusional bureaucracies that run school districts across our country seem to border on the insane at times and certainly are as political as they can get.

Kokinos is a good writer and she pulls the reader fully into the classrooms and the lives of those she exposes in the story. The book is edgy and is told in an entertaining style that will make it a pleasure to read. This is certainly not your typical book about teachers and the schools and that is good! The book has an emotional impact and gives you a reality check, in perhaps, only a slightly exaggerated storyline on what may be happening at our local schools.

I think everyone who has gone through the American education system will recognize some truths buried in these pages; however, teachers will find a chilling indictment of what they may have felt, experienced or had nightmares about! This book is a must read! A very worthy effort from the teacher turned author! This book comes with my personal endorsement along with the highest book rating of FIVE STARS from The American Authors Association (AAA).