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Reviews by Pete Sharma for the Bournemouth English Book Centre

Book of the month

Culture in our Classrooms

Gill Johnson and Mario Rinvoluciri; Delta 978 1 905085 21 7

The three sections of this exciting teacher development book aim to blend theory, practice and development. Section A covers concepts such as cultural values and behaviours. Section B contains over eighty practical activities, following a similar format: preparation, step-by-step procedure and postscript. This central part contains four chapters. The first is on raising awareness, helping students to see the dangers in our perceptions of 'normality'. Chapters two and three cover metaphors, such as imagining culture as an iceberg, with beliefs hidden under the surface. Chapter four looks at the UK. Section C contains tasks for teacher development. This book is innovative and practical, building on previous material in the field of intercultural studies. Inspiring.