Disobedient Teaching
Surviving and creating change in education
Welby Ings

KEY POINTS
• Critique of our ‘assessment-obsessed’ system by an award-winning educator
• High-profile author
• Inspirational writing

This book is about disobedience. Positive disobedience. Disobedience as a kind of professional behaviour. It shows how teachers can survive and even influence an education system that does staggering damage to potential. More importantly it is an arm around the shoulder of disobedient teachers who transform people’s lives, not by climbing promotion ladders but by operating at the grassroots.

*Disobedient Teaching* tells stories from the chalk face. Some are funny and some are heartbreaking, but they all happen in New Zealand schools.

This book says you can reform things in a system that has become obsessed with assessment and tick-box reporting. It shows how the essence of what makes a great teacher is the ability to change educational practices that have been shaped by anxiety, ritual and convention.

*Disobedient Teaching* argues the transformative power of teachers who think and act.

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