



# You Can't Teach Through a Rat **NEW!**

## And Other Epiphanies for Educators

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### Have you ever had the following student in your class?

**Teacher/Counselor:** *OK, please open your books. Who can tell me where we left off yesterday?*

**Student** eagerly waves his hand.

**Teacher:** *Yes, Chris.*

**Chris:** *My brother has a pet rat!*

Teachers come to teaching because of students. They genuinely want to serve both student learning and development. But they often do not know what best serves learning and development. And they often don't know where the "land mines" are that will undermine their best intentions. They don't know how to "teach around the rat!" or even that they are supposed to. This book is based on decades of experience successfully teaching and mentoring educators as well as consulting with schools in the U.S., Europe and Asia. Many of those schools and districts have earned national and international recognition for both academic achievement and student development. More importantly, based on Marvin's insights and support, thousands of educators have rediscovered the true reason why they went into education—because they loved children and knew how to "teach through or, at least, around a rat!"

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