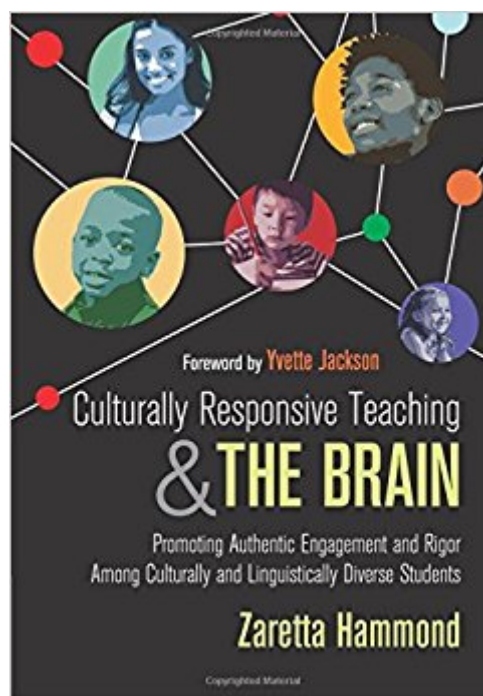




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Culturally Responsive Teaching And The Brain: Promoting Authentic Engagement And Rigor Among Culturally And Linguistically Diverse Students



Synopsis

A bold, brain-based teaching approach to culturally responsive instruction To close the achievement gap, diverse classrooms need a proven framework for optimizing student engagement. Culturally responsive instruction has shown promise, but many teachers have struggled with its implementation—until now. In this book, Zaretta Hammond draws on cutting-edge neuroscience research to offer an innovative approach for designing and implementing brain-compatible culturally responsive instruction. The book includes:

- Information on how one's culture programs the brain to process data and affects learning relationships
- Ten "key moves" to build students' learner operating systems and prepare them to become independent learners
- Prompts for action and valuable self-reflection

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