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This item: The Courage to Teach: Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life, 10th Anniversary Edition by Parker J. Palmer Hardcover \$ Only 2 left in stock - order soon. Sold by admin book and ships from Amazon Fulfillment.

The premise is concise and unarguable: Teachers are encouraged to turn their inquiring minds inward--developing a deeper understanding of what it means to fulfill the spiritual calling of teaching. Good teachers share one trait, says author Parker Palmer, they are able to weave a complex web of connections among themselves, their subjects, and their students, so that students can learn to weave a world for themselves. The connections made by good teachers are held not in their methods but in their hearts--the place where intellect and emotion and spirit and will converge in the human self. It is for teachers who refuse to harden their hearts, because they love learners, learning, and the teaching life. Palmer [from the Introduction] For many years, Parker Palmer has worked on behalf of teachers and others who choose their vocations for reasons of the heart but may lose heart because of the troubled, sometimes toxic systems in which they work. Hundreds of thousands of readers have benefited from his approach in THE COURAGE TO TEACH, which takes teachers on an inner journey toward reconnecting with themselves, their students, their colleagues, and their vocations, and reclaiming their passion for one of the most challenging and important of human endeavors. This book builds on a simple premise: Good teaching takes myriad forms but good teachers share one trait: They possess "a capacity for connectedness" and are able to weave a complex web of connections between themselves, their subjects, and their students, helping their students weave a world for themselves. The connections made by good teachers are held not in their methods but in their hearts -- the place where intellect, emotion, spirit, and will converge in the human self -- supported by the community that emerges among us when we choose to live authentic lives. They reflect on what they have learned from working with thousands of teachers in their "Courage to Teach" program www.couragetoteach.org. His ideas are both profound and revolutionary. The Courage to Teach leads us on an exploration of the paradoxes inherent in our living and our teaching. We are encouraged to "cultivate the capacity for connectedness on which all good teaching depends. This book is a must for everyone who recognizes, that there has never been a time when it took more courage to teach! I loved it when the first edition came out ten years ago -- and I love it even more now, with the new beginning and ending. I also love the CD that comes with the book -- the wonderful conversation between Parker and his colleagues. Parker puts into words what so many of us have felt -- and he does it exquisitely. This book is the perfect gift for every new teacher-- as well as for those of us who struggle some days to remember the passion that brought us to teaching in the first place! By Chip Wood on Aug 17, Do you have a favorite teacher? Someone who is working overtime to inspire your children? Someone who adds meaning to your life? Or perhaps you are a teacher who needs some deep inspiration and healing. This book is for all of us. Palmer, created to help fellow teachers take heart in the face bureaucratic systems that are sometimes outright hostile, among other obstacles. The Courage to Teach is centered upon the basic premise that truly good teaching comes not merely from technique, but rather is rooted in the identity and integrity of the instructor. Chapters tell of the critical importance of forming a connection with students, forming a positive community network, and the invaluable role of an indomitable spirit within teachers. An accompanying audio CD of a conversation with Parker J. Palmer and associates rounds out the inspirational guide by a passionate professional, for professionals seeking to revitalize their inner fire. He powerfully documents his own journey--even modeling what it looks like to be an authentic teacher--and shares his ideas and experiences with clarity, compassion and boldness. The modes of teaching and realting Palmer explores can help our students enormously--and ourselves. If you are a teacher, I highly recommend reading this book. When I first began teaching high school, I re-read certain chapters again and again, and they provided sustenance on that daunting journey of learning to be both honest and bold at the same time. A gift to all dedicated educators By J. Cooper on Mar 23, This book is a gift to all dedicated educators. I love the CD that comes with it. I find myself spending much more time thinking before speaking. Not just in class but in LIFE! The right book then and a better book now By Paul A. Michalec on Sep 01, Ten years ago Parker Palmer introduced many teachers

and educational leaders to the notion that we teach who we are. And the better we know the inner landscape of our professional identity and calling, the better we can create learning spaces for students that invite learners into relationship with subject matter. The Courage to Teach: I am delighted to know that in the past ten years this work has evolved to include others in professions of the heart--namely everyone. This is a profoundly thoughtful and engaging book for anyone. Invaluable for any teacher By C. Greenstreet on Sep 21, The Courage to Teach is a life saver for any teacher from pre-school to higher education. Parker Palmer knows the heart of the teacher, and we resonate with his words, are nurtured, and gather courage to engage yet more deeply and authentically with our students and our selves. This new edition contains the fruits of the last 10 years, which have built a growing movement of Courage to Teach and Courage to Lead renewal retreats for teachers and other service professionals, helping them to "reconnect soul and role," as Parker would say! Buy one for yourself and one for a friend. However, though it is about teaching, anyone and everyone can benefit from reading it. It transcends the subject of teaching and is applicable to life in general. The book is, and I am not exaggerating, a fountain of profound knowledge. He contends that it creates disconnectedness that makes proper learning impossible. In that disconnectedness, we divide apart our world and engage in flawed mindsets like competition. He expresses the need for a teacher to provide community for students, through being connected with the subject and connected with them. One has to be made vulnerable in order to really teach and to really learn. He describes teaching and learning as a great paradox, but a paradox that must be embraced if we are to learn and teach properly. Palmer suggests that the modern mind is full of division and disconnectedness and must be remedied by community and connectedness. Throughout the book, he shows how this can be accomplished in various ways. It is a truly profound book. I have learned a lot from reading it and I highly recommend it. Stick with the Older Edition By J. Morgan on Nov 16, Still good, but I appreciate the original version of this book more, written ten years before this one. There is some new material, but not enough to make an appreciable difference. I consider it almost a self-help book, one that keeps me passionate about teaching even when teaching is getting me down. I must say a lot of people have majorly misunderstood Palmer in this book. He does not promote that. I admit his language comes across as kind of "hippy" sometimes, but if you really consider his IDEAS, he is not a pushover or an over-permissive free-for-all-ist at all. He just thinks teaching is relational, and ideas are important, and can help us build relationships. This is an inspirational book and easy read! By Mayli on Dec 25, Palmer is inspirational and fun to read! This book gives you confidence as a future or current educator, and it is fun to read and understand the many different types of educators. For all of the teachers out there or teachers in training, this is a MUST read. Palmer captures all of the moments that an educator can expect to have with a realistic view of them. Still using this book in my class. By Carroll on Aug 29, Still using this book in my class. Students are enjoying the material. The suggested questions are helpful to use with the main text. Teaching as an art is about connecting to a deeper meaning and purpose for living. Outstanding By Vincent on Mar 22, What an outstanding read for all who seek to delve into pedagogy I believe it should be on the shelf of every student, especially those in the academy Perfect teacher gift book! By Swig on Jun 07, Every teacher should be given a copy of this book the day they sign their contract. All who teach others experience the highs and lows he so skillfully describes and will benefit from his guidance. Buy this book for your favorite teacher. Five Stars By Pablo A. This participant said that my coverage of pedagogic and technologic issues would be augmented by dealing with the personal factors a teacher brings to a course. Having read Palmer several times as I offer these workshops, I can say that it is probably the single most important text I have found in my extensive review of literature on teaching and learning. This opinion is supported by the comments of people in my workshops, who universally agree that reading it has changed their approach to teaching in a positive way. I cannot recommend it more highly. Palmer helped me refresh my commitment to education, to teaching and learning. The power of reflection is critical in our profession. Add a Book Review Book Summary: This particular edition is in a Hardcover format. It was published by Jossey-Bass and has a total of pages in the book. To buy this book at the lowest price, [Click Here](#).

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Palmer is a highly respected writer, lecturer, teacher, and activist. His work speaks deeply to people in many walks of life, including education, medicine, religion, law, philanthropy, the public sector, and social change. Author of seven books, including the bestsellers *Let Your Life Speak* and *A Hidden Wholeness*, his writing has been recognized with ten honorary doctorates and a number of national awards. He holds a Ph.D. It is must reading for any and every teacher, at any level. Hundreds of thousands of readers have benefited from *The Courage to Teach*, which takes teachers on an inner journey toward reconnecting with themselves, their students, and their colleagues, and toward reclaiming vocational passion. *The Courage to Teach* builds on a simple premise: Good teaching takes myriad forms but good teachers share one trait: Good teachers weave a life-giving web between themselves, their subjects, and their students, helping their students learn how to weave a world for themselves. Back cover copy *Celebrating 10 Years of The Courage to Teach* I am a teacher at heart, and there are moments in the classroom when I can hardly hold the joy. But at other moments, the classroom is so lifeless or painful or confused--and I am so powerless to do anything about it--that my claim to be a teacher seems a transparent sham. If you are a teacher who never has bad days, or who has them but does not care, this book is not for you. This book is for teachers who have good days and bad, and whose bad days bring the suffering that comes only from something one loves. It is for teachers who refuse to harden their hearts because they love learners, learning, and the teaching life. Having taken heart in the work to which we are called, we can give heart once again to our students, our colleagues, our schools, and our world--a world where heartlessness yields only to gifts and graces that come from within. Palmer about the *Courage to Teach* Movement -- past, present, and future. I *The Heart of a Teacher: Identity and Integrity in Teaching*. II *A Culture of Fear: Education and the Disconnected Life*. Paradox in Teaching and Learning. IV *Knowing in Community: Joined by the Grace of Great Things*. V *Teaching in Community*: VI *Learning in Community: The Conversation of Colleagues*. Teaching from a Heart of Hope.

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Palmer Jossey-Bass, By the end of the first page of the foreword to the 10th anniversary edition of Parker J. Those of us who have lived teaching 24 hours a day can empathize with a fundamental truth about teachingâ€”be real with your students. I remember, as a small boy, going for Sunday afternoon walks with my parents. During our outings, my mother, who was a teacher, collected leaves, berries and flowers that she used the following day in her Grade 1 class. My mother lived and breathed teaching. It was her life; it was her vocation. The children responded to her enthusiasm, her ready smiles, her patience not always extended to my father or me! She was real to those children. A fear of being penalized for challenging or criticizing the system permeates the entire education sector, from senior administrators to teachers to parents to students, warns Palmer. Reforms in the s and s were aimed at making schools more businesslike. Palmer sees a need to correct several imbalances in the way we [the general public] approach teaching. To correct our obsession with objective knowledge, I stressed subjective engagement. To correct our excessive regard for the powers of intellect, I stressed the power of emotions to freeze, or free, the mind. It is important to connect who you are with what you do. Too often teachers like my mother work in isolation. No wonder 50 per cent of young teachers leave the profession within the first five years. According to Palmer, we need community. Community is everything, growing from the inner being into the classroom and the larger world. Objectivity is no longer satisfying because it is devoid of relationships. In teaching and learning, it is relationships that are community. Palmer is not proposing anything heretical when he talks about testing, curriculum and teaching techniques; rather, he is encouraging a different approach in which teachers learn together. I agree with much of what Palmer proposes. He concentrates on the heart and soul of the teacher and provides a sociological assessment of the importance of the relationship between the teacher on stage and the teacher behind the scenes. Palmer provides a voice for the feelings that people have for teaching. Unfortunately, the CD in my review copy played only the first 4 of 11 sections but, doubtless, it provides a worthwhile elaboration on the program, as well as serving as a useful tool for promoting the circles. The Courage to Teach is not just about education. It is about the fact that the human heart is relevant to real-world operations and without heart there is no strong bottom line. The book supports the vocation of teaching and puts into words the thoughts of many dedicated people who live and breathe the profession.

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