



#EdJourney: A Roadmap to the Future of Education

by *Grant Lichtman*

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#EdJourney is a refreshing change from the negativity so common in the world of education today. Over the course of a 3-month solo road trip across the United States, author and educator Grant Lichtman discovered that there is much to be positive about in today's K-12 schools. Lichtman, one of the country's leading experts in educational innovation, interviewed over 600 teachers, administrators, students, parents, and trustees to uncover the successes and failure of innovation...and describe how others can succeed in their own school transformation.

"A book of hope...a book of urgency...Lichtman's insightful reflections combined with his sharp analyses of education's future form an urgent call for an educational paradigm shift. A must read for all who seek directions, strategies, and action plans for better education."

Yong Zhao, author, Presidential Chair, University of Oregon

"... a must read book for anyone interested in helping shift the education world out of the Industrial Age mindset."

David Kelley, Co-Founder of the Stanford d.School; Co-author of Creative Confidence; Founder of design firm IDEO

"Lichtman strikes hard and true. Recommended reading for all educators and citizens who think America's schools must meet the needs of kids in the 21st Century."

Pat Bassett, past president of the National Association of Independent Schools

"A truly stunning achievement, an eye-opening pleasure...Lichtman has done his homework and the heavy lifting for us all...an astonishing microscope into the heart of educators that reveals myriad ways our collective wisdom can make sense and solutions that can work for every child in America."

John Hunter, veteran teacher, inventor of The World Peace Game and author of World Peace and Other 4th Grade Achievements

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With examples from around the country and findings from the latest research in education and change management, **#EdJourney** maps out how administrators and teachers can embrace the innovation process that schools and learners need now. Today's 21st century education presents unique challenges and opportunities to students, and this is a trailblazing practical guide to making sure education is ready for the future. **#EdJourney** focuses on four key questions:

- **What new learning strategies are the top schools implementing to prepare our students for their future rather than for our past?**
- **How do teachers and administrators manage transitions to new types of teaching and learning?**
- **What are the key obstacles to shifting away from the assembly line model of education?**
- **How can we all leverage the lessons of success from the most innovative schools?**



The concrete examples and advice in this book will help you bring innovation and educational design concepts into your school. **#EdJourney** goes beyond the theoretical need for change—by now a familiar topic to almost everyone—and takes a real-world approach to achieving transformative education in any school.

More Praise for **#EdJourney**:

“Wow...required reading for all stakeholders!
Loved it!”

*Jack Andraka, high school student, 2012 winner
Intel ISEF award, TED speaker, featured on CBS
“60 Minutes”*

...on par with **Horace's Compromise**,
Theodore Sizer's seminal 1984 descriptor of the
failures of America's high schools...the critical
difference is Lichtman's sense of real hope for a
bright educational future...a must read...

*Pam Moran, Superintendent of County Schools,
Albermarle, VA*

“Lichtman raises questions of the most basic
nature...persuasively argues that innovation
requires us to change or suffer the missed
opportunities in an educational future that won't
wait for us to catch up.”

*John Gulla, Executive Director, EE Ford
Foundation*

"... incredibly insightful about the future of
K-12 education...poignant, memorable, and full
of wisdom...a firsthand account that is alive and
real...witty, funny, and engaging...it sees the
future of education for what it should be – about
children and how they learn.”

*Dr. Thomas Shields, Director, Center for
Leadership in Education, University of Richmond*

"... captures the essence of the transformation
underway in American education...an incredibly
helpful roadmap for all of us who are committed
to change education so that our students are
truly prepared for their 21st century lives.”

*Ken Kay, CEO, EdLeader21, Co-author, The
Leader's Guide to 21st Century Education*