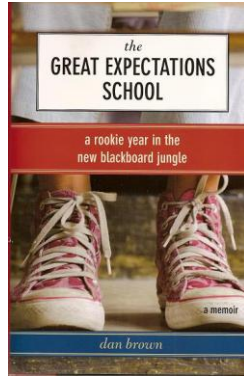


***The Great Expectations School:
A Rookie Year in the New Blackboard Jungle***
By Dan Brown



SYNOPSIS: Twenty-two and fresh out of NYU Film School, Dan Brown became a teacher at P.S. 85 in the Bronx. Armed with idealism, an irreverent sense of humor, and seven frantic weeks of summer preparation, Dan stepped into the ring of fourth grade... and got knocked out. Working with volatile children, struggling parents, and a failing administration, Dan was pushed to the limit time and again; in one low moment, his fist shattered the blackboard. Yet in this seeming chaos, Dan discovered an unexpected well of inspiration to get back up, get a handle on his craft, and make a difference. ***THE GREAT EXPECTATIONS SCHOOL*** is the touching journey of 25 unforgettable children and their teacher, Mr. Brown. But more than that, it is the revealing story of a broken education system and all those struggling within and fighting against it.

“[Dan Brown is] an appealing and sympathetic figure with a seemingly genuine talent for teaching...yet he finds himself in charge of a class that is always on the verge of chaos.” —*The New York Times*

“With introspection and good humor, Brown tells a lively and often appalling story . . . The greatest strength of his book is its vivid depiction of just how hard first-year teaching is and its implicit lesson that urban schools urgently need to attract and retain more thoughtful and dedicated people such as Brown.”
—*Washington Post Book World*

“A clear-eyed and trustworthy guide to the inescapable everyday social problems with which so many public school children live . . . We need to try to keep bright young people like Brown teaching in our public schools.” —*Chicago Tribune*

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