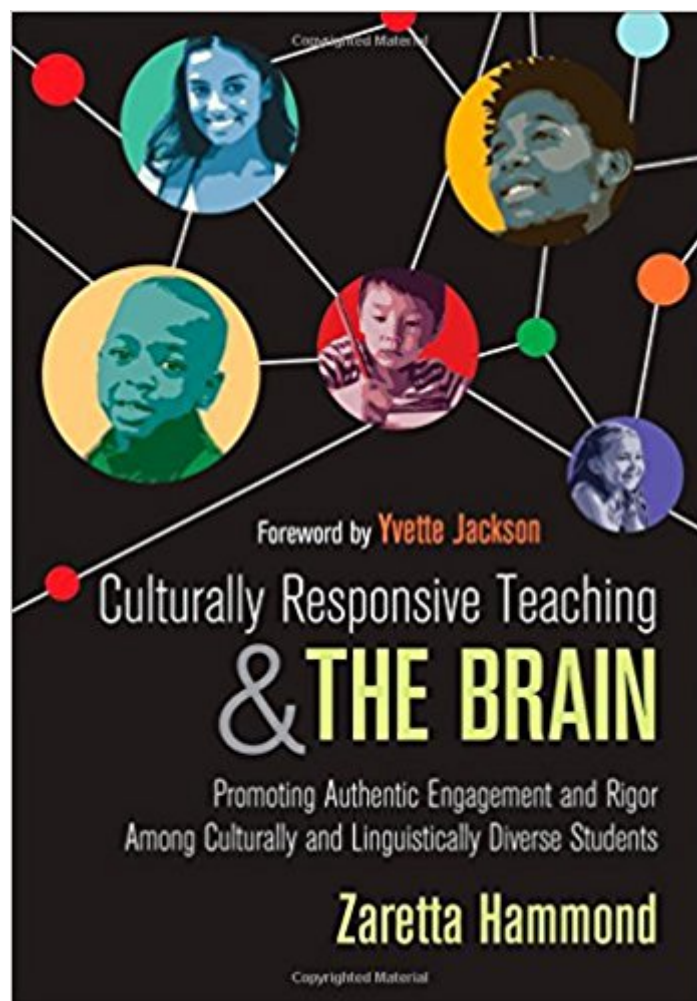


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This book is fantastic, a triumph; a truly ground-breaking work that may forever change the way teachers in America face the challenges of their profession. Iâve been a teacher for over thirty years and always felt I was pretty damn good at it, as good as anybody. But about halfway through my reading of Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain, I was suddenly stuck by the horrific realization that if I had known when I started teaching what Zaretta Hammond writes in this book, I would have been not just a good teacher, but perhaps a great one. I have always been focused on getting my students--whatever ethnic or socio-economic background they might have sprung from--to be interested in their studies and to give it their all. I tried my damndest to motivate them to want to excel, not just in school, but in life. I sometimes succeeded, sometimes didnât. I always smugly thought nobody (well, almost nobody) could do a better job than I was doing. But Ms.

Hammond's book destroyed that glib notion quickly. Reading her book was like being repeatedly, page by page, hit in the head with a brick. Soon I could see with absolute clarity that I could and should overhaul my thinking and my methods. By following the techniques suggested in Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain I could make quantum strides in my individual approach to each of my students and be confident that every last one of them could reach for and achieve their best. Before reading the book I'd thought of cultural responsive teaching as academic eduspeak sort of stuff, a fancy label for what good teachers have been doing all along--pumping up an underachieving kid's self esteem, blah, blah, blah. But I now know I was dead wrong.

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