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- -"Should be required reading for anyone who is considering or has ever considered teaching as a career. . . most highly recommended." -- Readers' Favorite, 5-Star Review
- -"A scathing comic novel . . . sort of a M*A*S*H for Miami schoolteachers." -- Patrick Murtha, Book 'em, Danno
- -"Incredibly artistic . . . raw and endearing." -- San Francisco Book Review
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DEVELOPING MINDS: AN AMERICAN GHOST STORY follows a group of recent college graduates who struggle with feelings of alienation and their addictions as they try to survive a year of teaching at two dysfunctional Miami public schools.

A poetic and insightful coming-of-age novel, DEVELOPING MINDS is centered on 24-year-old Luke Entelechy, an aspiring writer who sees his creative output suffer when he begins teaching at one of Miami's most challenging middle schools. As the year progresses, however, Luke begins to relate to the neglect and abuse his students suffer, and is faced with a haunting decision: continue to let his dark past destroy him, or rise above the struggle to realize his potential as an artist and a real human being.

Equal parts disturbing and humorous, DEVELOPING MINDS offers a brutally honest look at the American public school system and the extreme measures many teachers take to cope with working in it.



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