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“Explores strategies that can change the culture and structure of schools to support the aspirations and identities of minority students.”—N.N. Arnez, emeritus, Howard University **Recommended**

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One of the nation's most important voices on the subject of equity and social justice in education, Noguera

has never been afraid to take on the tough issues—yet always offers reason for hope in the face of seemingly intractable challenges. This book pulls together his thoughts on a wide range of educational subjects—from school improvement to school violence to racial politics. Noguera examines the link between racial identity and school-related behavior, the significance of race in the racial achievement gap, and the educational future of Latino immigrants. He discusses the role of leaders in restoring public faith in education, recommends investing in the social capital of students and their parents, and ultimately proposes how to reclaim the promise of public education.

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