

## **The Underground History of American Education -John Taylor Gatto**

John Taylor Gatto, former New York State and New York City Teacher of the Year, has written one of the most important, and most controversial, books ever written about our public education system. If you read this book, you will never think of education in the same way. Strong words? All true and then some. Gatto contends that “dumb people don’t exist in sufficient numbers to warrant millions of careers devoted to tending them.” If that statement is not enough to peak your curiosity consider this: John Taylor Gatto argues that our official assumptions about the nature of modern childhood are dead wrong, and gives facts to back up his claims. This 400 page tome is not something that you simply breeze through. You cannot read it without pausing to evaluate his statements and keen insights into the history of public education.