

Preface

My interest in writing this book was inspired by the many insightful children I have worked with as a teacher and psychologist over the past years. I have shared their joy and excitement, their hopes, their disappointments, their struggles with learning, and their attempts to survive in an often harsh world. My love for children, the gratitude I have for all that they have taught me, and my desire to help create a better place in which children can learn and grow have inspired me to write this book. It is to these children, to my children John and Jane, to my grandchildren Ben and Emma, and to all children everywhere that I dedicate this book.