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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

In 1981, in the "quiet, back-road town of Winchester," N.H., Sheldon Dennis Littky, aka Doc, became the unlikely principal of deeply troubled Thayer High School. But his unorthodox lifestyle and teaching methods provoked a battle that divided the town and split the school board, a story picked up by the national media. A gifted, eccentric educator, Littky had earlier established his reputation for innovation in a Long Island school district. In Winchester, however, he was known as the reclusive "mountain man," an enigma to the townspeople. Journalist Kammeraad-Campbell details the battle that ended in vindication for Littky and his plan for Thayer High, providing a model with application for other school systems. Photos.

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From Library Journal

Bravo! At last the story of a school administrator who cares. The reader of this well-written, objective commentary will find renewed hope that perhaps our educational system can respond to the needs of the students with initiative, determination, and caring, despite little money, lack of equipment, and opposition to "new methods." The author intertwines Littky's life with the town of Winchester, New Hampshire, where Littky's unorthodoxy as principal of Thayer High led to a heated debate and his demotion. Ultimately, with the help of students and their parents, he was reinstated. This is not just Littky's story, but also that of a town whose populace believes in education and gives vigorous support to those beliefs. Primarily, however, this is the story of education, the way it should be.

- *Annelle R. Huggins, Memphis State Univ. Libs.*

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Susan Kammeraad-Campbell is publisher and editor in chief of Juggling Board Press. She has been lead editor of more than 25 books of fiction and non-fiction, many of which have garnered top national awards. Her award-winning book, "Doc: The Story of Dennis Littky and His Fight for a Better School," which grew out of a story she covered as a newspaper journalist, became an NBC movie. She conducts workshops on writing and creative process for all age groups, making use of innovative, unorthodox and often playful methods.

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