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In his latest book, leading educator and author Kevin Kumashiro takes aim at the current debate on educational reform, paying particular attention to the ways that scapegoating public school teachers, teacher unions, and teacher educators masks the real, systemic problems. He convincingly demonstrates how current trends, like market-based reforms and fast-track teacher certification programs are creating overwhelming obstacles to achieving an equitable education for all children.

Bad Teacher! highlights the common ways that both the public and influential leaders think about the problems and solutions for public education, and suggests ways to help us see the bigger picture and reframe the debate. Compelling, accessible, and grounded in current initiatives and debates, this book is important reading for a diverse audience of policymakers, school leaders, parents, and everyone who cares about education.

Kevin K. Kumashiro is director of the Center for Anti-Oppressive Education and president-elect (2010–2012) of the National Association for Multicultural Education. He is a professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and the author of *The Seduction of Common Sense: How the Right Has Framed the Debate on America's Schools*.

Praise for *Bad Teacher!*

“This book could be a springboard for teachers . . . to become more actively involved in advocating for a paradigm shift in our concept of education.”

—**Grace Lee Boggs**, The Boggs Center

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—**Sonia Nieto**, University of Massachusetts at Amherst

“Anyone seeking to understand why so many of the reforms we have pursued have failed will benefit from reading this book.”

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“Kumashiro explains why we should think differently about the prescriptions that are now taken for granted—and wrong.”

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“Kumashiro expertly examines the many forces working against public education, and how and why these forces are at play.”

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“*Bad Teacher!* is oh-so-smart and timely. . . . This book attacks head-on the ragged patchwork of ‘school reform’ that has left us without even the vocabulary to frame what’s gone wrong.”

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