

# CREATIVELY MALADJUSTED

## *The Wisdom Education Movement Manifesto*

"...a fresh approach about how we should not only see and relate to our children, but also how educators can teach them to see themselves in the world, their uniqueness as well as to harness their divinely endowed individual transforming power to lead effective lives and to build and transform community."

—Jay Speights, Director of The New Seminary and Author

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*foreword by Bill Ayers*

"Richards wants to shape education by story rather than by information, by resisting consumerism rather than educating for it. The goal of education, he reminds us, 'is not to make better schools, but to make a better world.' And 'the ultimate relevance of a school is what kind of civilization it inspires our children to create.' Modern industrial culture has pretty much defined education in its terms; we can do much better today and must. The metaphors, narratives and values of our educational system are outmoded. A Wisdom Education Movement can bring alive new values that assure a 'nurturing, creative, joyous, inspiring place.' This book is well worth reading; and discussing; and arguing; and enacting."

—Matthew Fox, author of *Creativity: Where the Divine and the Human Meet*

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