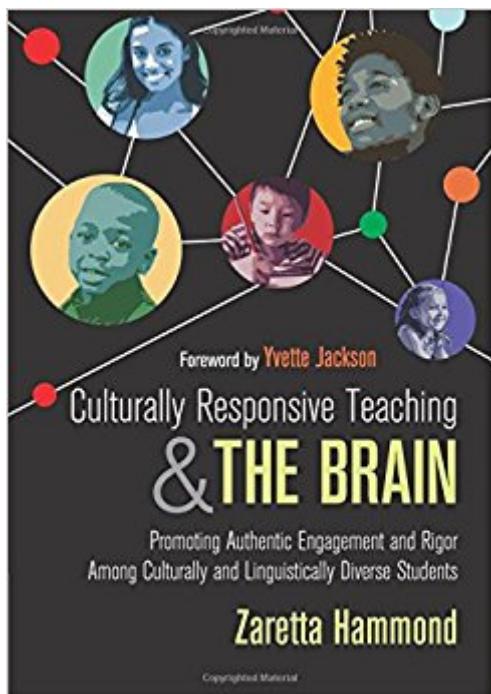


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# Culturally Responsive Teaching And The Brain: Promoting Authentic Engagement And Rigor Among Culturally And Linguistically Diverse Students



## **Synopsis**

A bold, brain-based teaching approach to culturally responsive instruction To close the achievement gap, diverse classrooms need a proven framework for optimizing student engagement. Culturally responsive instruction has shown promise, but many teachers have struggled with its implementationâ •until now. Â In this book, Zaretta Hammond draws on cutting-edge neuroscience research to offer an innovative approach for designing and implementing brain-compatible culturally responsive instruction. Â The book includes: Â Information on how oneâ ™s culture programs the brain to process data and affects learning relationships Ten "key moves" to build studentsâ ™ learner operating systems and prepare them to become independent learners Prompts for action and valuable self-reflection

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