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Editorial Review

Review

"We all seem to agree that the globalized world needs globally competent citizens but how to cultivate global competence in our traditionally isolated schools and increasingly narrowed curriculum presents a daunting challenge to our already overworked teachers. In this well-written book, Homa Sabet Tavangar and Becky Mladic-Morales provide numerous practical and inspiring ideas for creating opportunities to foster global competency. A must-have for both experienced and beginning educators who care about their children's future." (Yong Zhao, Presidential Chair, University of Oregon)

"I've been deeply concerned as I travel around the country by how little attention is being paid to the global competence of our nation's young people. In the 21st century we need global citizens and students capable of thriving in the global economy. Fortunately, Homa Sabet Tavangar and Becky Mladic-Morales have written a tremendous new resource for educators who want a comprehensive guide to how to bring global competence to their students. Not only do their students need these global competencies, they are anxiously waiting to be taught in these contexts. Don't wait another minute to construct them!" (Ken Kay, CEO)

"We have been wading around for a number of years talking about global-ready graduates, but unable to marry the desire we have for our students to obtain global competency skills with the realities of preparing students for standardized tests. Now we can.

One only need to look inside the cover at the ten ways the book can be used to know that a long-awaited answer to desperately needed curricular and pedagogical changes in the new global world order has arrived. Thank you.

Tavangar and Morales nail it by offering clever, economical, and practical suggestions to merge traditional academic content with desperately needed global competency skills in our curriculum. Not a book to be read, pondered, then shelved, but rather a manual to be open on the teacher's desk at all times.

I need this now."

(Robert M. Hollister, Ed.D., Superintendent)

"This book is a gift to educators with heartfelt, rigorous, and creative strategies to make the shift from the last century to the now. Tavangar and Mladic-Morales have shaped an organized, dynamic, and thoughtful series of both classic and digital approaches to personalizing the global for our learners."

(Heidi Hayes Jacobs, President)

"An invaluable how-to guide for educators and parents who want to better prepare children for work and citizenship in the 21st century. Filled with practical suggestions, it is an essential resource for teaching and parenting in today's interdependent world." (Tony Wagner, Author of The Global Achievement Gap and Creating Innovators)

"Joy and skill! That's what this compendium of insights, innovations and practical wisdom ultimately delivers! Homa Tavangar and Becky Morales open up a true 21st century toolkit for teachers and parents alike. This work uses the engine of a child's wonder to spark a revolution in "learning tools" for helping children express their deepest joy." (John Hunter, President and Founder)

"Homa Sabet Tavangar and Becky Mladic-Morales have created a masterful collection of resources and practical strategies for building global competency in young learners. At a time when it has never been more critical to ensure that young people develop the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to thrive in our interconnected, diverse global society, this book is a roadmap for educators looking to globalize their approach." (Dana Mortensen, Co-Founder and Executive Director)

"This book engaged, empowered, and educated me deeper as an elementary educator. It encouraged me to continue building that global learning community in my classroom. The ideas and activities provide opportunities for differentiated instruction and support the state standards across the curriculum. This is the next best thing to actually taking your students on a long field trip around the world!" (Luke Merchlewitz, 2011 Teacher of Excellence)

About the Author

Homa Sabet Tavangar is the author of *Growing Up Global: Raising Children to Be At Home in the World* (Random House, 2009), lead author of *The Global Education Toolkit for Elementary Learners* (Corwin, 2014), and contributor to *Mastering Global Literacy*, by Heidi Hayes-Jacobs, ed. (Solution Tree, Nov. 2013). *Growing Up Global* has been hailed by national education and business leaders and media ranging from Dr. Jane Goodall to the BBC, NPR, NBC, ABC, Washington Post.com, Chicago Tribune and Sun-Times, Boston Globe, PBS, Scholastic, Parents Magazine, Rodale, and many more.

Homa's work is sparking initiatives to help audiences from CEOs to Kindergartners learn and thrive in a global context – and have fun along the way. She is the Series Consultant to NBC TV's original production of the animated children's series Nina's World, has served as Education Advisor to the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, and as a Visiting Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania; she is a contributing writer for the Huffington Post, PBS, Momsrising, GOOD, Ashoka's Start Empathy, National Geographic and Edutopia, among other media, and is a sought-after speaker and trainer around globalization and global citizenship, parenting, globalizing curriculum, empathy, diversity and inclusion.

Homa spent 20 years working in global competitiveness, organizational, business and international development with hundreds of businesses, non-profits, and public organizations, before turning her attention to global education. She has lived on three continents, is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of UCLA and Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. She speaks four languages and her religious heritage includes four of the world's major faiths. Passionate around issues of opportunity and equality for women and girls, she has worked on these issues for private companies and the World Bank, and served on various non-profit Boards, including, currently on the Board and Executive Committee of the Tahirih Justice Center, a national leader protecting immigrant women and girls fleeing violence. She is married and the mother of three daughters.

Becky Mladic-Morales is the founder of Kid World Citizen (www.kidworldcitizen.org), offering parents and educators activities that help young minds go global. Her work has been featured on Scholastic, the U.S. Department of Education, NBC Latino, MSN, and PBSKids among others. She is a teacher, teacher-trainer, speaker, and educational consultant. She has worked with different foreign exchange programs, including the

setup of the International Club at her local elementary school.

Becky holds an MA in Teaching ESL, with a concentration in Cross-Cultural Communication, from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign; and an MA in School Counseling with a focus on immigrants in schools, from Roosevelt University in Chicago. For the past 20 years, she has taught ESL in different settings ranging from high school to college level courses.

Her expertise encompasses global education, geo-literacy, service learning, educational technology aiming to connect students worldwide, as well as setting up cultural exchange programs. Becky currently resides in Houston with her husband and four children, whose curiosity, compassion, and energy are her perpetual inspiration.

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