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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

The third book in the *Horace* trilogy, *Horace's Hope* explores Theodore R. Sizer's own hopes for the future of high schools. Sizer, the chairman of the Coalition of Essential Schools, first gained widespread attention in 1984 with *Horace's Compromise*, a study of the American high school, followed by *Horace's School*, a fictional account of school reform. In the final installment, Horace presents a progressive approach to education that allows students time and space to explore their subjects. This culmination of a 12-year attempt to establish more progressive schools advances the case for Sizer's vision of a reformed school system.

From Publishers Weekly

Sizer (*Horace's Compromise* and *Horace's School*), director of the Annenberg Institute for School Reform, in this third volume of his trilogy takes an informed look at the state of secondary education and offers his dreams for the future. "Horace," who represents a composite of the dedicated but frustrated teachers Sizer encountered in his visits to high schools across the country, still has a commitment to education, although he is being forced to make compromises at the expense of the students he teaches. To change high schools into viable learning institutions for all, the author advocates an end to administrative bureaucracy and real empowerment for teachers, a choice of specialized schools for families from all income levels, state rather than local school financing and the adaptation of emerging technology to reinforce learning at home, in the neighborhood or in a cultural or workplace environment. This is a heartfelt plea for high-school reform by an educator who cares deeply about young people.

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From Library Journal

This lucid, accessible, and cogently argued assessment of the American educational reform movement at the high school level caps Sizer's *Horace's Compromise* (LJ 2/15/84) and *Horace's School* (LJ 1/92). Sizer, who founded the Coalition of Essential Schools in 1984 to promote school reforms, here outlines how the coalition's reforms have been adopted, how well they are working, and how much further the educational establishment has to change. He again stresses knowing each student well, minimizing testing, promoting exhibitions and portfolios as assessment devices, among other recommendations. Horace Smith, his fictionalized "everyteacher," hopes that schools are changing for the better in providing access to the American culture and ways to enrich it. The insights of this important reformer should be available in all libraries serving education students, teachers, school administrators, and concerned parents.

-?Scott R. Johnson, *Meridian Community Coll. Lib., Miss.*

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