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#### **Review**

"Sergiovanni shows democracy at work in a way that makes theories accessible to all." ("Childhood Education," Summer 2002)

#### **Review**

"Leaders who are trying to act according to the unique culture, values, and needs of their schools while also meeting state and national standards will find this inspiring book a welcome addition to their professional libraries."

--*The School Administrator*

"Sergiovanni gets to the heart of school reform and renewal in this book. He shows how local school communities can construct standards that support serious learning and effective caring for students. This is a must read for anyone involved in education policy or practice today."

--Linda Darling-Hammond, professor of education, Stanford University, and codirector, National Center for Restructuring Education, Schools, and Teaching (NCREST), Teachers College, Columbia University

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#### **From the Inside Flap**

At a time when sweeping educational mandates, systems requirements, and political conflicts seem to besiege our schools, it becomes clear that school leaders are most effective when they act according to the unique culture, values, and needs of their schools. In this inspiring book, Thomas J. Sergiovanni examines why the "lifeworld" of schools is so vital to school success and shows how local leadership can make the difference in creating healthy, rigorous schools for our children. The *Lifeworld of Leadership* explores the crucial link between school character and school improvement. By building institutional character at the local level, principals, superintendents, and policymakers can not only protect the lifeworld of their schools but also craft an educational system based on layered loyalties and shared accountability. Sergiovanni draws from an exhaustive review of school reform initiatives in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand to provide specific and compelling examples of local school leadership at its best. He proposes initiatives that invite all educational stakeholders to lead without compromising the legitimate interests of their schools and communities.

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