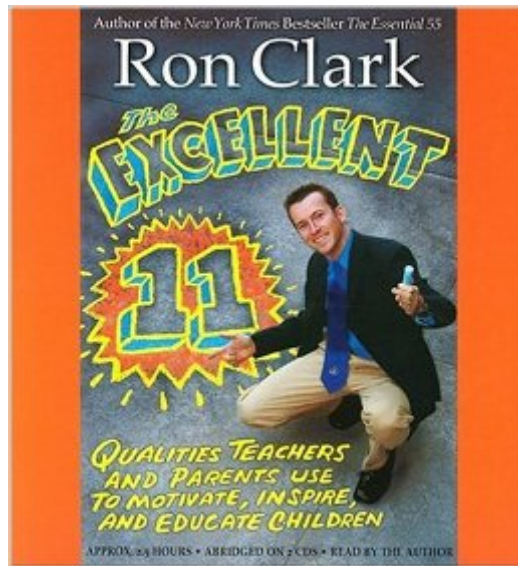


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# The Excellent 11: Qualities Teachers And Parents Use To Motivate, Inspire, And Educate Children



## Synopsis

When *The Essential 55* was published, Ron Clark became a tireless promoter, traveling the country to speak to large groups of teachers and fans. And when his Oprah appearance shot the book onto the New York Times bestseller list, he kept the heat on. We can expect the same tenacious commitment to promoting his follow-up book, *The Excellent 11*. *The Excellent 11* contains eleven sections with each one focusing on a theme directly related to teaching and raising children. Ron Clark draws from his own experience to give advice, telling personal stories that demonstrate the significance of each theme within the learning environment—an environment that extends beyond the classroom and into the larger world. Using themes ranging from Adventure, Ingenuity, and Humor to Dedication, Creativity, and Love, Clark provides a road map for both parents and teachers who want to enrich their children's learning experiences.

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Though I never had the personal pleasure of having Ron Clark as my teacher, he is quickly becoming one of my favorites--in part because of his first book, *THE ESSENTIAL 55* . . . then recently, I enjoyed a film about his life (*THE RON CLARK STORY*) on TNT. And so when I saw that he had another book out, *THE EXCELLENT 11*, I naturally got hold of it as quickly as I could . . . its subtitle particularly caught my attention: *QUALITIES TEACHERS AND PARENTS USE TO MOTIVATE, INSPIRE AND EDUCATE CHILDREN*. What if there were ways to motivate children? Even better, what if they could be learned by reading a book? So I attempted to answer these questions by reading Clark's latest and am happy to report that I did come across several tidbits that

should prove helpful to any teacher . . . in spite of the fact that he taught on an elementary level, what he has to say applies to almost any age. Also, I liked the author's many examples in THE EXCELLENT 11 . . . he not only describes a quality, but he also shows countless real examples of how he used it in his teaching. For example, there was this one: Don't be afraid to abandon a set plan or to scrap a lesson if an opportunity for learning presents itself that will be to the child's advantage. This is applicable whether you are a parent or a teacher, or both. Clark also says that as a parent or teacher it's also important that we remember not to take ourselves too seriously at times. We may have to laugh, dance, sing, make funny faces, or do the unusual, but we have to be willing to let down our guard and have fun with education.

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