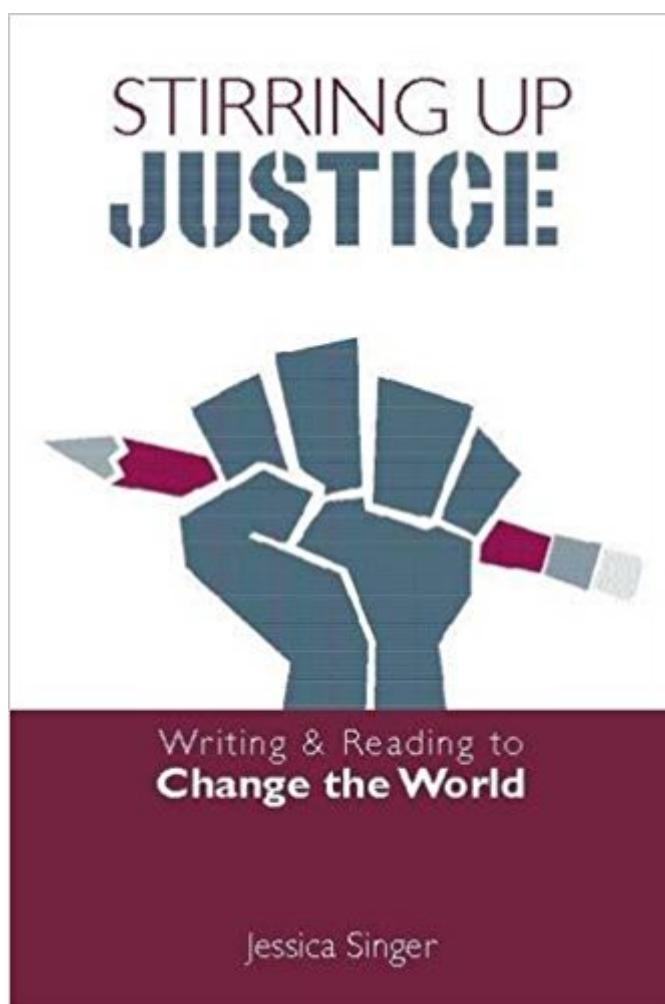


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# Stirring Up Justice: Writing And Reading To Change The World



## **Synopsis**

Many of us want to make change in our world, but no one's ever told us how. As a teacher, you can demonstrate to your students that they can be part of the solution to issues that matter to them. But activism doesn't start with slogans or sit-ins, it begins with critical awareness. Critical awareness begins with strong reading and writing habits. And powerful reading and writing instruction begins with Jessica Singer's *Stirring Up Justice*. *Stirring Up Justice* takes you through her language arts workshops to reveal the many possibilities for improving critical awareness and to prove what a potent and lasting effect social activism can have on students. Beginning with teaching adolescents specific tools and strategies for understanding their world, Singer shows you how to combine critical skills with content-area knowledge in project-based invitations that encourage educated, engaged citizenship. With a teacher's touch and an activist's imagination, Singer shares how she transformed her classroom into a force for positive social change by focusing her curriculum and her teaching on the core theme of social activism. You'll discover how she created a reading and writing community that used creativity, rigor, and a shared sense of purpose to create meaningful and relevant outcomes. Full of practical, ready-to-use handouts as well as useful lists of suggested resources, examples of student writing, reflections, and final projects, *Stirring Up Justice* gives you the best way to make change in your classroom - a social-justice-centered curriculum.

## **Book Information**

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Stirring Up Justice is a must read for all teachers. This book gives concrete examples of how to use curriculum to motive students to become actively involved in addressing and solving problems in their own communities.

I was blessed to have Ms. Early's class at ASU and still use this book and her lessons in my classroom daily.

I am only in my second year teaching high school english and just found this book. I wish I had discovered it earlier! Ms. Singer opened my eyes to a whole new way of engaging my students - they actually LOVE my class now and nearly every student has made incredible progress. Just seeing their confidence grow as they realize they have the capability to write is truly a joy to watch. Our school year is just ending, but I'm already looking forward to the coming years and I am so happy to have found this book.

This book really inspired me when I read it. I am a high school teacher and was able to use the information immediately in my class. The students really responded to the work. I recommend the book!

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