

Book notes

*For students who struggle with aloud in front of others, one possible remedy is having them read something they wrote on their own, considering this will likely contain words they are more comfortable pronouncing.

*Young people are rarely given accurate information about adult life, and therefore cannot set appropriate expectations. Adults will take advantage of this by dangling false hopes that are very unlikely to come true.

*People who need approval will often perceive silence as disapproval.

*Hearing a language in different accents, rhythms, and performances is a great way to expand a sense of possibility with those words.

*It's often hard to see the point of message when it's impossible to do anything about the situation in the moment.

*You can't watch out for somebody if you are worried about hurting their feelings.

*The police often choose to leave known petty criminals on the streets, waiting for an appropriate moment before making an arrest.

*People will not respond to concern if they feel they are not being seen as a person. Hearing about how wrong you are all the time doesn't help, either.

*All the math skills in the world don't change a poor neighborhood, so conflicts about math homework are likely not very much related to the math. Most people won't walk into a store and do fractions; they'll go find another store.

*Cutting people out of life is easy, keeping them in is hard.

*People usually know when they are approaching a hard truth, and sometimes it brings out affection and compassion.

*When others fall, the hardest part might be seeing yourself in the fallen. Why won't it be you that trips, next time?

*In some ways, a situation where another person can cost you everything is resolved by blowing it for yourself.

*Sometimes in a difficult, unfair situation, the toughest and hardest thing to do is to simply do it for yourself, and cut everything else out.