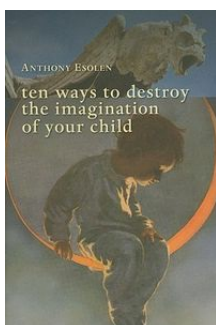


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Peek Inside the Book

It's rather the possibility of friendship, unencumbered by feelings of attraction or shyness; the possibility of working on the same wavelength, as it were, with someone who understands you because he's a boy as you are, or a girl as you are. Committee work stifles the imagination, because people have to work down to the common denominator of what would be minimally acceptable to everyone. But friendship exalts the imagination. Indeed it is one of the things that the ancients said friendship was...

The imagination opens out not principally to what it knows and finds familiar, but to what it does not know, what it finds strange, half hidden, robed with inaccessible light. The familiar too can be an object of wonder, but not by its familiarity: as when the hills I looked upon every morning of my youth suddenly seemed to reveal the thousands of years they were building, long before any man ever left his traces on their slopes. Even the dog at my heels, then, like the dog who...

Reader's Opinions

Reading this book made me wonder why I am reading this book. In other words, this was one of few books that makes one want to put it down and go outside and live life: to touch, taste, see, explore, imagine, play, work, construct, discover. Children need reality in all...

Esolen is a poet, in the best sense, and his thoughts are always worth reading. I had trouble deciding between 3--because the facetious tone does not best suit his quality of thought, and he seems to have to struggle to sustain it in a book-length piece--or 4, for the importance and clarity of the ideas. Still, despite the tone issues,...