## The Worthy Educator

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The Worthy Educator Launches Press Arm to Publish the Voices of those Doing the Work

WASHINGTON, DC (9/21/25) -The Worthy Educator, a mission-driven nonprofit community dedicated to mid-to-late career educators is proud to announce the launch of its publishing arm, The Worthy Educator Press.

"There's such a wealth of talent in our community," exclaims founder Walter McKenzie. "First through our blog and then through our journal, the influx of quality writing, sharing the real work of real educators, has pointed us to publishing affordable book-length manuscripts in professional formats with editing and design services to make it happen, as the next step in our evolving work. We continue to follow the energy and inspiration that educators show us."

The publishing industry has become increasingly more challenging for busy education professionals to navigate, with the digitization of content transforming how writers get published, and the supply chain challenges that so many industries have been facing since the COVID-19 disruption. The Worthy Educator Press is launching to address these realities and share the voices of education practitioners with short, manageable timelines that get their writing to market quickly, proudly and professionally.

Co-founder Dr. Gretchen Oltman shares, "The Worthy Educator Press selectively publishes books that share the expertise of fellow educators creating impact in their everyday work. The voices of these educators reflect our commitment to support leaders who are deeply committed to today's students, classrooms, and schools, and to the future of our profession."

The first title scheduled for release this autumn is School Seasons xSELeratED: A Year of Community and Collective Growth for Educators, a thoughtful social-emotional guide for educators that supports their wellness with practical, actionable steps to help them fulfill their potential and their dreams. As the next step in the work of team xSELeratED at The Worthy Educator, this monthly companion is intentionally designed as an ongoing source of inspiration and ideas that fuel personal and professional growth.

"The Worthy Educator Press exists to publish field-tested, educator-first resources that are clear, usable, and deeply humane. Our titles prioritize doable practice over jargon and community-building alongside academic rigor. You won't find more chatter and static here. Our authors write for ease: clean lines, steady rhythms, and zero clutter," explains author Leigh Reagan Alley, Ed.D. "We built the xSELeratED Schools framework and wrote **School Seasons xSELeratED** with lasting change in mind: small, steady moves; honest reflection; and routines that help relationships do the teaching."

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Nimble and agile without the costly overhead of traditional publishing houses, The Worthy Educator Press is well-positioned to be responsive to the needs and interests of real educators doing the work, with two additional titles already slated for publication. Educators looking for a rewarding publishing experience that gets the word out about their important work are welcome to submit their manuscripts for consideration. "We are looking to publish a few select, worthy titles a year," McKenzie says. "We're not publishing just anyone, but if you've been looking for a partner who will treat you with caring, respect and the know-how to get your work on bookstore shelves and online in ebook and other digital formats, we should talk."

Keep an eye on The Worthy Educator Press splash page for more information and future announcements as titles are released at <u>The Worthy Educator Press</u>. Inquiries and manuscripts can be submitted at <u>worthyeducatorpress@gmail.com</u>.

The Worthy Educator is an incorporated 501(c)(3) nonprofit community dedicated to serving mid-to-late career educators working to build legacies of success. To learn more about how you can become a part of this thriving, caring community, visit theworthyeducator.com.

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