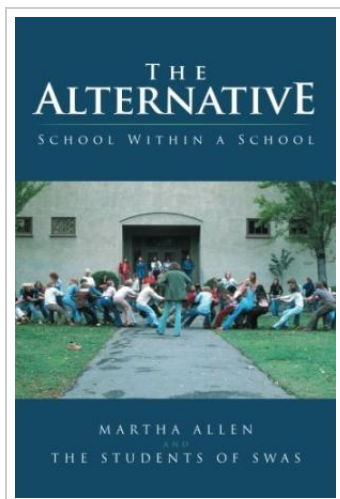




The Alternative: School Within a School (Paperback)

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Balboa Press, 2016. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpts from The Alternative: School Within a School: Whoever thought it was a good idea to let squirrely adolescents design their own curriculum wasn't completely nuts. Much to everyone's surprise at Drake, some of us managed to get rather conventional educations at SWAS. I studied Trigonometry and Analytic Geometry [which] taught me enough Calculus to pass the AP math test. I no longer wanted to stand out in a crowd; I needed to belong to one. SWAS was exactly that - a crowd of unique people. There is no doubt that the project trips provided the most important teaching/learning experiences - and not always in lessons we intended. Yet it somehow never occurred to me at the time-the teachers not only put up with it but seemed to enjoy it. The tap dancing, the hammering, the constant painting, the tree-climbing: they didn't just put up with it, it seems they encouraged and delighted in it. They believed our energy and enthusiasm were essential to our learning. Perhaps the most remarkable thing about SWAS was the ability of the program to teach...



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