

I Am a Pencil: A Teacher, His Kids, and Their World of Stories, 297 pages, Henry Holt and Company, 2004, 2004, Sam Swope, 9780805073348

I Am a Pencil "is a book about the power and magic of imagination, providing a unique window on the immigrant experience as seen through the lives of children. -Phillip Lopate. So enchanted was he with his twenty-eight students that he "adopted" the class for three years, teaching them to write stories and poems. Throughout the story of three captivating years, it becomes very clear what Swope and his students have in common: Their writing is powerful, beautiful, original and sweet., "If only Swope's book were a lesson plan we could follow." - Los Angeles Times Book Review "It's really hard to communicate the sheer pleasure in teaching, and really connecting with, students like the ones Swope describes in such rich and generous detail. 39. I Am a Pencil: A Teacher, His Kids, and Their World of Stories (2005). Owned - Wanted. Read Custom. 40. In His Footsteps: Living Prayer, Poverty, and Peace with Francis of Assisi (30 Days with a Great Spi. Owned - Wanted. Read Custom. 41. Feeding Your Demons: Ancient Wisdom for Resolving Inner Conflict. Owned - Wanted. Read Custom. 42. After the Ecstasy, the Laundry: How the Heart Grows Wise on the Spiritual Path (CD). I Am a Pencil book. Read 73 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. Swope's marvelous, moving book revives the teaching memoir . . . And... Swope follows his colorful troop of resilient writers from grades three to five, coaxing out their stories, watching talents blossom, explode, and sometimes fizzle. We meet Cindy (whose mom was a Taoist priestess), Brian (who cannot seem to tell the truth), and Lourdes (a wacky Dominican chatterbox). Preparing his students for a world of adult dangers, Swope is astonished by their courage, their humanity, and most of all, their strength. I Am a Pencil is a book about the power and magic of imagination, providing a unique window on the immigrant experience as seen through the lives of children.