

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910465395303321
Autore	Zhao Yong <1965->
Titolo	Who's afraid of the big bad dragon? : why China has the best (and worst) education system in the world // Yong Zhao ; cover illustration, Connie Gabbert
Pubbl/distr/stampa	San Francisco, California : , : Jossey-Bass, , 2014 ©2014
ISBN	1-118-58501-1 1-118-58491-0
Edizione	[First edition.]
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (273 p.)
Classificazione	EDU029000
Disciplina	370.951
Soggetti	Education and state - China Educational anthropology - China Educational sociology - China Academic achievement - China Electronic books.
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Includes index.
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references and index.
Nota di contenuto	Machine generated contents note: About the Author Acknowledgments Introduction Chapter 1: Fooling China, fooling the world Chapter 2: The Emperors' Game Chapter 3: Deja vu? Chapter 4: Bumpy Journey to the West Chapter 5: Fooling the Emperor Chapter 6: The Making of the World's Best and Worst Education Chapter 7: Reforms and Setbacks Chapter 8: The Naked Emperor Notes Index .
Sommario/riassunto	"The secrets behind China's extraordinary educational system - good, bad, and ugly, Chinese students' consistently stunning performance on the international PISA exams-- where they outscore students of all other nations in math, reading, and science--have positioned China as a world education leader. American educators and pundits have declared this a "Sputnik Moment," saying that we must learn from China's education system in order to maintain our status as an education leader and global superpower. Indeed, many of the reforms taking hold in United States schools, such as a greater emphasis on standardized testing and the increasing importance of core subjects

like reading and math, echo the Chinese system. We're following in China's footsteps--but is this the direction we should take? *Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Dragon?* by award-winning writer Yong Zhao offers an entertaining, provocative insider's account of the Chinese school system, revealing the secrets that make it both "the best and worst" in the world. Born and raised in China's Sichuan province and a teacher in China for many years, Zhao has a unique perspective on Chinese culture and education. He explains in vivid detail how China turns out the world's highest-achieving students in reading, math, and science--yet by all accounts Chinese educators, parents, and political leaders hate the system and long to send their kids to western schools. Filled with fascinating stories and compelling data, *Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Dragon?* offers a nuanced and sobering tour of education in China. Learn how China is able to turn out the world's highest achieving students in math, science, and reading. Discover why, despite these amazing test scores, Chinese parents, teachers, and political leaders are desperate to leave behind their educational system. Discover how current reforms in the U.S. parallel the classic Chinese system, and how this could help (or hurt) our students' prospects "--
