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workshops; 6 'Breaking the mould', a case study: experiencing the
reflective writing course; 7 Artistry, fiction and reflection: the strange
absence of the creativ imagination in professional education;

Introduction; The reflective paradigm (I): a summary; The reflective
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Sommario/riassunto

This book explains and demonstrates how creative writing can be used successfully in the context of professional education where traditionally a more distanced approach to reporting on professional experience has been favoured. It is based on many practical examples, drawn from several years' experience of running courses for social workers, nurses, teachers, managers and higher education staff, in which participants explore their professional practice through imaginative forms of writing. The participants experience of the work is presented through a discussion of interviews and evaluative
