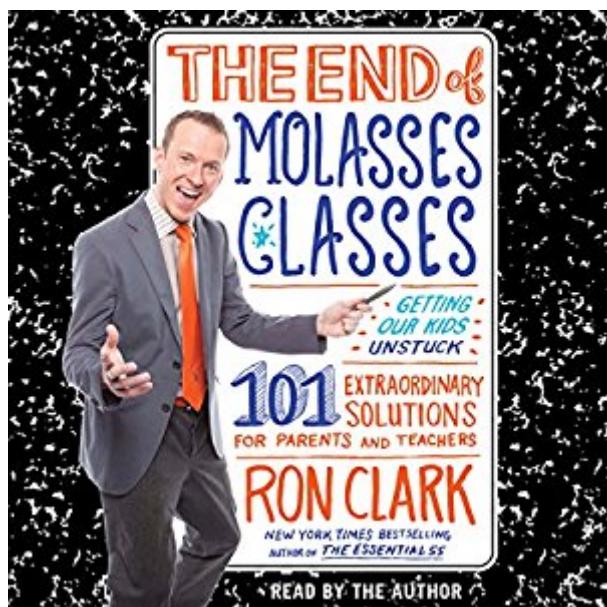


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# The End Of Molasses Classes: Getting Our Kids Unstuck - 101 Extraordinary Solutions For Parents And Teachers



## **Synopsis**

A new book from the award-winning teacher and best-selling author, Ron Clark, providing rules for parents and teachers to help kids succeed in school.iv>

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## **Customer Reviews**

Ron Clark is definitely a great salesman. He's got the right voice, personality, and story-telling ability. Don't get me wrong, what he is doing for his private school kids...130 students in all...is great. Love that he understands most teacher's frustrations with parents and students expecting to earn an A rather than what is actually earned and to get a cookie just for showing up. Love the goal of keeping the bar raised and helping kids reach their potential by giving them the skills to succeed, and expecting them to work for it. I do that every year, and often do hear that my expectations are too high, but I know my job is to prepare my students for high school, not give them the easy way out as life will not give them a trophy for trying and not doing. My concern is that it doesn't seem his private school, which raises millions each year and isn't beholden to the same rules and regulations a public school is, has an approach that can be taken to larger public schools. It would be great if we could all spend \$18,000 a year on each student. Again, I am so happy for the students of his school and think elementary teachers will be much more likely to be able to implement most of the strategies in the book since they, like Ron Clark, have far fewer kids to manage.

In my opinion, this book has life-changing information for parents. I am so thrilled to see so many

educators all over the world be inspired by RCA. My hope is that parents all over the world will consider this "required reading" for themselves. Part II of the book is geared specifically toward parents, and it is OUTSTANDING. "Don't be a Helicopter Parent. You can't rescue them forever" speaks to the importance of letting children learn to deal with disappointment, and how to handle the situation. Mr. Clark illustrates these points with a truly amazing story. (Ron, you definitely deserved a Krispy Kreme in front of American Idol after THAT experience. Your patience is really commendable.) The chapter entitled "Remind children of their blessings and stress the value of a strong work ethic" really stood out to me as well. There are so many wonderful, American affluent communities (like the one we live in) and the parents are hard working and well-meaning, but it is so easy to fall into bad habits that can create children with "entitlement issues." As a mother of a 10-year-old boy, the chapter, "Don't get your kids a video game system unless you are prepared to be a prison guard," really hit close to home. We have a game system, and it is a challenge to control his use of it. I gleaned several great ideas from this chapter. But this is not just "garden variety parenting advice." Mr. Clark explains how these basic childrearing concepts are critical for a student's success in school, and beyond. Mr. Clark is right on - we DO need a full blown education "revolution" in our country. And it will not work unless parents PARTNER with the teachers and the schools. Mr. Clark has done a fine job of providing very specific suggestions on how to implement positive changes in our children's school experience. He does this with compelling real-life stories and shares his personal experiences with kids and their families. He has laid out an excellent "revolution strategy." I hope we all embrace it.

This is an inspiring book. It helps educators to wake up and see that passion is needed in the classroom. What I really appreciated was his honesty. He is not afraid to tell the issues they face at the academy and certainly he doesn't try to make it all rainbows!. He is honest and passionated. He is himself. To be honest I was surprised to read the difficulties and some failures they had. No sugarcoat here. Ron Clark also admits that he lacks sleep and that he wouldnt have done all these if he had a family. It was a pleasant book to read.

Good book with some inspirational stories. I feel as though a good bit of it is completely unrealistic for everyday educators. I'm never going to rent a limo for my 103 students to take them on a murder-mystery tour to introduce a book. Can I do something fun in my classroom? Yes.

I bought a copy of this for my whole staff. While not every idea is transferrable to every school, what

IS transferable is the intentionality with which he and his staff decide what is important and then set about to make it happen. It's an excellent and inspiring book. I've visited his school, and I was so impressed by his teachers and kids. It sounds too good to be true, but it's real.

Great advice on how to engage students and add more rigor to the classroom. I teach 11th ELA, and will try to adjust his middle school and upper elementary techniques to my juniors. He goes off on too much autobiographical details, and i want to hear more about his educational success stories and why they worked. One other thing, his accent gets annoying occasionally.

Ron really is America's Teacher. I strive to be like him and wonder where his relentless energy comes from. Sometimes, I feel like I have molasses in me. Ron is inspiring to teachers, parents, students, and the general population alike. Check out his other books: Essential 55 and Excellent 11! You WON'T regret it!

Ron Clark gives truly inspiring classroom situations to show just how impactful a teacher can be! There are also several practical ideas you can implement in your classroom RIGHT now!

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