Dr. Mihaela Rușitoru has lived in Finland and has visited here several times. Her pioneering book is the result of careful work, interviews with a number of leading experts in the field, and a passionate interest in Finnish school education. The result is a high-quality personal view on the Finnish school system and the society that lies behind it. Her work provides a much-needed outsider’s view on Finnish schooling and I recommend anybody interested in school education to read this very rewarding book. (Prof. Arto Kallioniemi, PhD, UNESCO Chair and Vice-Dean Education Sciences, Helsinki University, Finland)

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