



## Chalkboard Jungle: One Teacher's Struggle to Survive in the American Public School System

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iUniverse, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 216 x 140 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Brenda Connor dreamed of being a teacher her whole life. Recently graduated from college, she's thrilled when she gets a job as a public school math instructor. But her joy soon turns to despair when she realizes the job she dreamed of is something of a nightmare. First, the length of her employment is based on the results of a standardized test known as the FCAT. What's more, Brenda's students are disrespectful and uninterested in learning—and in spite of Brenda's phone calls, their parents don't care. The administration is determined that students must improve their test scores—no matter the cost. Brenda quickly finds herself under the watchful eye of assistant principal, Mrs. Harrison, who—instead of offering her support—seeks to get rid of Brenda, documenting her performance in the classroom and threatening to place her on a professional disciplinary plan. Brenda's only friend, Mr. Fisher, is also under evaluation. They are both thwarted at every turn, harassed via weekly interrogations and classroom reviews. Brenda's dream of being a teacher is vanishing before...



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