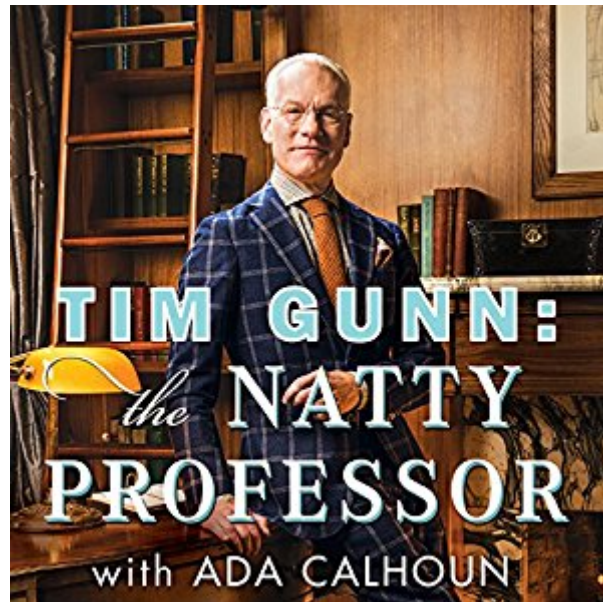


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# Tim Gunn: The Natty Professor: A Master Class On Mentoring, Motivating And Making It Work!



## Synopsis

Tim Gunn, America's favorite reality TV cohost, is known for his kind but firm approach in providing wisdom, guidance, and support to the scores of design hopefuls on Project Runway. Having begun his fashion career as a teacher at Parsons The New School for Design, Tim knows more than a thing or two about mentorship and how to convey invaluable pearls of wisdom in an approachable, accessible manner. While Gunn's Golden Rules showcased Tim as life coach, imparting lessons based on his personal experiences, Tim Gunn: The Natty Professor will focus on Tim as teacher. Divided into sections on common themes - leadership, curiosity, diversity, understanding, and empathy - this practical, timely audiobook takes us on a journey through life lessons and uses Tim's own personal experiences, from the classroom to the therapist's office, to illustrate larger concepts. Each chapter will end with a "life assignment", where Tim challenges you to apply the lessons you've learned in practical mentoring or teaching situations.

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## Customer Reviews

Whether you are a teacher or a fan of Project Runway, you will enjoy Tim Gunn's new book. Tim's straightforward and succinct style of writing is very entertaining. If you are looking for stories from Project Runway, you won't be disappointed. There are plenty of references. But it is also full of wonderful stories and advice for teachers of any kind.

I have read all of Tim Gunn's books and just finished "The Natty Professor." What a wonderful book

for everyone to read, especially Educators. I only wish I had a teacher who took time out for me in Elementary and High School as those noted in his book. It was bittersweet for me to read these comments from former students about the teachers who helped them out the most. I struggled in school and really only came in to my own when I was 21 and started back to school at a community college. Since then I became a successful Critical Care Nurse and Human Resources Director. I did this on my own, no help from any teacher. I am proud of this in a sense, but wished I had that "special" teacher who encouraged me along the way when I needed it most. Tim is the epitome of an Educator and I have admired him for many years. His humor brought me to laugh-out-loud at times and his compassion is undeniable. Cannot wait for another book. Thank you Tim Gunn !

This is the first book I have read from Mr. Gunn. He has been able to put more insight about teaching into these 252 pages, than most of those awful 'how to become a better teacher' books do in more than twice that many. I have been in education for 27 years. Fifteen of which have been as a teacher, coach, dorm master, mentor. Twelve working in education and assessment. Mr. Gunn tells it like it is. He does not sugarcoat. There are good and bad experiences with every job, but one must always remember that as a teacher you have the most influence over the greatest product of our generation - a child's future. One is often reminded of that by the anecdotes, from students of many different teachers around the country and world, that are within each chapter. We all have a teacher that inspired us and we all have that teacher that was the worst. Mr. Gunn focuses on how he was able to become the former and try to instill that process in his students. Bravo!

When I started reading the book when it first was published, I was disappointed. I judged it as purely for teachers. I thought, "I'm a designer, why do I need to learn about teaching?" Then I heard someone mention that the book has a bit of gossip. Shallow me, but I was now interested. Well, shame on me for judging the book and being so narrow-minded. Yes, it discusses good teachers and bad teachers. And it is for everyone. We are all teachers, whether we're aware of that fact or not. Just interacting with others on a daily basis - you're either supporting and moving forward those around you, or discouraging them. And, as a bonus, Mr. Gunn serves a delightfully delicious dish. Lots of inside stories told only as our favorite Professor can! What a gifted author. Professor Gunn, keep writing and we'll keep reading!

I loved Tim Gunn's other books so I snapped this one up immediately. Speaking from first hand experience Tim shares how to navigate career and life transitions. This is the perfect book for a new

graduate in search of a career, or a friend or co-worker in life or career transitions. It's an easy read but you are smarter after reading it! Valuable and sage advice for everyone.

The Natty Professor is a delightful book which feels like a friendly conversation as the author and teacher, Tim Gunn, writes about the importance of being empathic, standing up to bullies, telling the truth, cheerleading, asking reflexive questions, and knowing when to let things go. Are these not noble goals? I think they are. There are inserts throughout the book where others have shared their favorite teacher stories. I would have shared mine about a nun, Sister Mary Cora, R.S.M., in whose English class I was taught how flexibility, hers and mine, allowed me to sing Milton because I couldn't remember the lines from "Paradise Lost" by mere recitation. Seriously, this book and its personality-filled author will fill you with good feelings and information about subjects like fashion, teacher lounges, and academic politics. The author is direct in his speech and clear in his communication. I like that in a teacher, a person, and in professors, especially natty ones.

In writing this review, I've decided to address the points made by the negative reviews-- First, if you are looking for a book on fashion, this is not it. However, the book in no way implies that it will be about fashion. Sure Tim Gunn is author, but the title explicitly suggests its about mentoring and guidance. Tim Gunn already wrote a fashion book (two actually...), if that's what you're looking for, read those! Second, I would agree that the book is not pristine in organization, but this isn't a text book, or a how-to book, so I don't know that it needs to be. All-in-all its a charming read. A little gossipy, without being rude. Almost like your having a conversation over coffee with Mr. Gunn. It flows cleanly and reads easy, while giving advise to teaching/mentoring in the arts world. It's not my favorite book of his (Gunn's Golden Rules felt a bit more hearty) but very enjoyable all the same.

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