

FOREWORD

Today it is well known that contemporary pedagogics, as an autonomous science, studies the phenomenon of educating in scientific ways. Further, this phenomenon is illuminated from different pedagogical perspectives, each with its own autonomy, among which are fundamental pedagogics, didactic pedagogics, sociopedagogics, orthopedagogics, historical and comparative pedagogics, and psychopedagogics.

On the one hand, for many years, psychopedagogics has struggled against an educational psychology, which is general psychological theories applied to educating and teaching a child. This is a practice which has fallen into disuse in modern pedagogics. On the other hand, modern psychopedagogics, still in its infancy, is served by phenomenological thinking and, in concert with the other pedagogical perspectives mentioned, opens a unique perspective on the phenomenon of educating.

This work by Dr. Pretorius is one of the first to search for a child in an educative situation from a psychopedagogical perspective, and which uses **lived experience** as a central psychopedagogical category. In this respect, this book is unique and paves the way for diverse further work in this area. Also, this work suggests the possibility of seeking joint pedagogical perspectives on the category of lived experience, e.g., a joint perspective between psychopedagogics and didactic pedagogics.

This book is strongly recommended specifically to all students of psychopedagogics, but also to all students of education and for all educators who want to know a child better.

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