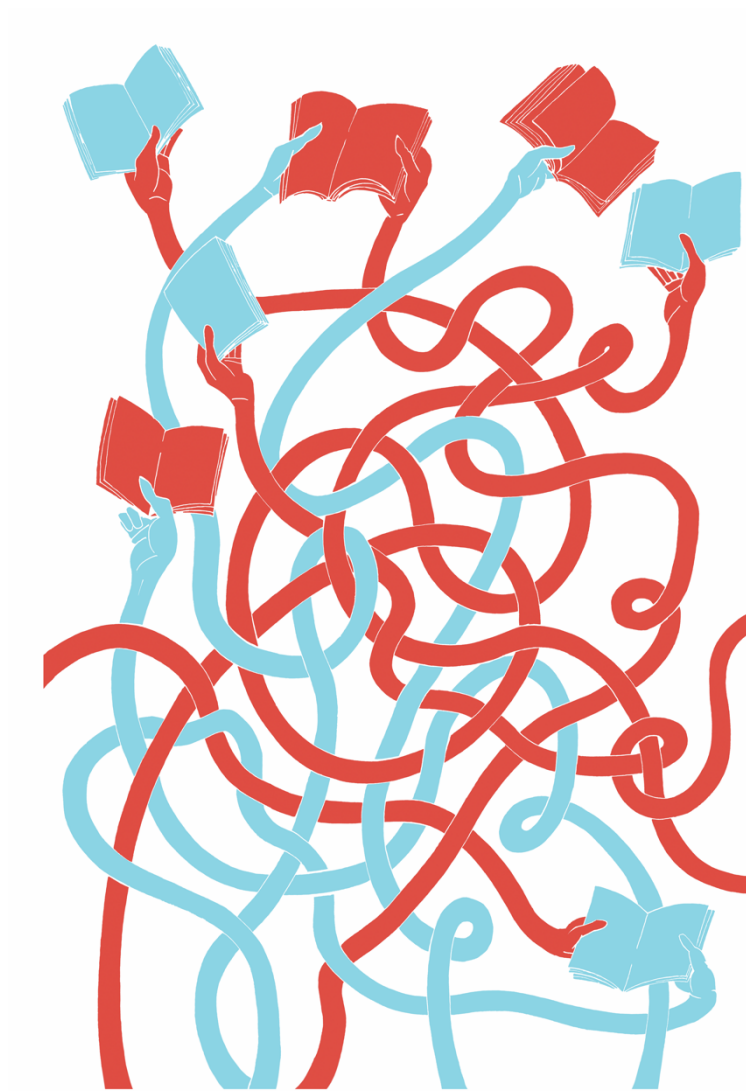


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## To My Students

I'm so sorry,  
we are teaching you all the wrong lessons,  
repeating the fictions of anxiety  
replicated on computer screens.  
I'm sorry that we drag you  
out of your body and into your head,  
wrenching you from your gentle center,  
your own innate knowing.  
I'm sorry that we have taken your inborn  
love of the earth and replaced it  
with videogames, and then fed you  
pharmaceuticals to numb your grief.  
I'm sorry that we weld you to reason  
at the expense of intuition,  
homework at the expense of heartwork,  
science at the expense of mythos,  
and capitalism at the expense of everything.  
And I'm so sorry  
that our voices have silenced the wisdom  
at a stone's center, in the heart of a seed,  
in the mouths of animals and rivers,  
in the stars' far-reaching, time-traveling light.  
Go out of the classroom and into the forest.  
There you will find your true teachers  
shimmering with answers to questions  
we never taught you to ask.  
Let the rain wash you free  
of your human education.  
Follow the light of those stars.



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