Wild Orchids And Trotsky: Messages From American Universities

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This is an interesting collection of essays written in response to media criticism of liberal education in American universities. Several professors whose work is represented in this book present a unique and highly readable contribution to current debates about the crisis of authority in American universities. The Work of Friendship: Rorty, His Critics, and the Project of American Liberalism by Richard Rorty is an example of the kind of essay that can be found in this book. The essays are written by some of America's greatest scholars and teachers writing about major issues in contemporary education. In recent years, liberal education has come under attack by such figures as Allan Bloom, Dinesh D'Souza, David Lehman, and others, who have criticized the role of the university in society. The essays in this book offer a counterpoint to these arguments, presenting a more nuanced and complex understanding of the role of the university in American society.