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*Both a playwright and mathematician, John Mighton is also the founder of JUMP Math, a charitable program dedicated to creating a numerate society that reaches over a 100 000 students in North America. He is the recipient of two Governor General's awards for his plays and an Ashoka fellowship for his work as a social entrepreneur. He is an officer of the Order of Canada.*

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>  
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**The 99% Solution:  
Imagining a future in which everyone is brilliant**

## **John Mighton**

Playwright, Mathematician  
Founder of JUMP Math

Every society is plagued by invisible problems that are particularly difficult to solve-- for no other reason than because they are invisible.

The politicians of ancient Greece were innovative thinkers who developed the concept of democracy, but they still believed that women were inferior to men and that many people were born to be slaves. They couldn't begin to address the most serious social problems of their time, because they couldn't conceive of an equitable society.

Mighton argues that the most intractable problems of our time-- poverty, violence, and environmental degradation-- may stem from a form of inequity that no one can see. Schools are founded on the implicit assumption that children are born with very different intellectual capacities and inclinations, one cannot expect all or even the majority of children to excel at or enjoy learning a particular subject. Mighton argues that this assumption-- and the flawed methods of education that have been adopted on the basis of this assumption-- are the causes of the wide differences in academic achievement and engagement that are universal among children. These differences may be the cause of many of our worst social problems.

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