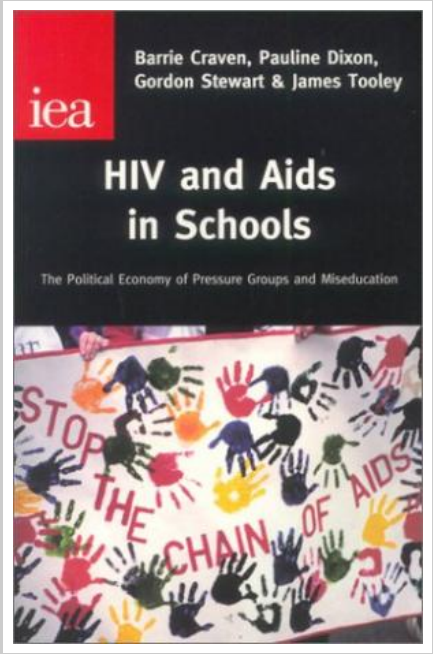


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HIV and AIDS in Schools: Compulsory Miseducation?

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