

Reviews for *Childhood Lost*

"In this powerful narrative about the challenges facing children and their families in the US in the 21st century, clinical psychologist and associate professor of developmental psychology Olfman does an excellent job of bringing writers together to help readers explore a wide variety of issues, including debates on culturally relevant topics ranging from the educational dilemmas caused by No Child Left Behind and the developmental impact of media violence and childhood obesity to the commercialization and sexualization of children. This book is an easy read, providing political, social, moral, and empirical perspectives. It will be both disturbing and thought-provoking to anyone professionally or personally concerned about the issues currently facing children and their families in the US. Recommended. General collections, professionals, and practitioners."—Choice

"Olfman, a clinical psychologist and professor of developmental psychology at Point Park University, presents ten essays that raise an alarm about the consequences of accepted social norms for American children."—Reference & Research Book News

Endorsements

"[A]n enormously important book and should become required reading for anyone who is concerned with our children's welfare. It brings together world-renowned experts from a wide range of fields, ranging from anthropology and economics to psychology and environmental studies. Each of them write with passion about their research and the dangers that face our children today. These essays highlight the unparalleled importance of childhood for a human being's physical, intellectual, emotional and moral growth, and the steps that must be taken to safeguard children's irreducible needs."—Stuart G. Shanker, Distinguished Research Professor of Philosophy and Psychology, York University

"This brilliant and trenchant exposé of how American culture fails our children will enlighten parents and should be on every policy-maker's desk. I only hope they have the guts to read and act on it!"—Jane M. Healy, Ph.D., Educational Psychologist and author, *Your Child's Growing Mind: Development and Learning from Birth to Adolescence*

"The corporate takeover of childhood is a developmental hazard that harms the young and dumbs the culture, and is a moral issue for all citizens. A domestic war on parents and children? Not on your watch, say the authors of *Childhood Lost*. If exploiting children is morally repugnant, why is it legal? Commercializing childhood colonizes the child psyche from birth--a theft of spirit both unconscionable and tragic. The strategic interventions offered here can help heal the tear in the fabric of life. Read this remarkable book of conscience, take action, and tell others. Lawmakers, parents, CEOs, and educators: support families, safeguard the children."—RAFFI Cavoukian, children's troubadour, author, founder of Child Honoring