

Reviews for *The Sexualization of Childhood*

"The volume fully brings to one place the best and worst examples of the sexualization of children, and many chapters review up-to-date research."—
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"All of the chapters are clearly written and heavily referenced. A valuable addition to the 'Childhood in America' series, which Olfman edits. . . . Highly recommended. Upper-division undergraduates through faculty and professionals; general readers."—Choice

"This outstanding collection of essays, written by an eminent group of scholars and experts, reveals an alarming new danger to children--routine exposure to frighteningly toxic ideas about sex and sexuality. What harm does this cause to children, the adults they become, and society? That is the central question addressed by this book, and the answers it provides, always through rigorous research and cogent analyses, suggest we should be very concerned. The book is essential reading for anyone who cares about the fate of children--and of society as a whole."—Joel Bakan, Professor of Law, University of British Columbia

"Every one of us needs to read *The Sexualization of Childhood* and then ask ourselves the following questions: How did we allow such a harrowing state-of-affairs to arise? What can we do to correct it? And until this has been achieved, how can we best protect our children from the toxic experiences and influences that are so powerfully depicted in this book?"—Stuart Shanker, Distinguished Research Professor of Philosophy and Psychology, York University, Director of the Council of Human Development

"An articulate, compelling expose of the numerous ways in which the psychosexual and gender development of U.S. children has been derailed by an overly sexualized culture negligent in safeguarding its youngest members. Professor Olfman's exceptionally fine editing is again apparent. She has assembled a set of first-rate contributions by leading authorities who lay out the evidence with clarity and conviction and who also help us move toward solutions--by detailing ways that parents, mental health professionals, educators, and policy makers can intervene effectively."—Laura E. Berk, Distinguished Professor of Psychology Emerita, Illinois State University