
This collection of popular and philosophical writings is organized around the questions whether children have rights and, if they do, how this relates to such issues as paternalism and state authority over children. The popular selections are well chosen and supply suitable context for the specifically philosophical contributions. In addition, the editors provide a transitional essay relating the popular selections to the philosophical papers; though this will be of little value to the professional philosopher, it may be of service in identifying connections for the general reader.

The book's main value lies in the philosophical essays, most of which are previously unpublished. These are almost uniformly original and provocative; Joel Feinberg's long-awaited "The Child's Right to an Open Future" is especially worthy of note. With one or two exceptions, the papers reflect a liberal outlook on the issue of children's rights. Thus *Whose Child?* is a good counterpoint to the more traditionally oriented selections in *Having Children* (ed. O'Neill and Rudnick [Oxford, 1979]). Like the latter, the present volume is essential reading for anyone interested in philosophical issues concerning children. It is certain to influence discussions of autonomy, liberty, and children's rights for many years to come.

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