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Cross-Cultural Perspectives and Applications



***Childhood and Adolescence: Cross-Cultural Perspectives and Applications***  
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This comprehensive reference analyzes psychological and anthropological studies concerning child and adolescent development across cultures, digging into often-forgotten topics like street children, child soldiers, and parenting in war-torn countries. The vast majority—96 percent—of the world's children live outside the U.S.

Traditionally, research on child and adolescent development has focused on American and European youth, inadvertently neglecting most of the world's children. This all-encompassing volume introduces global perspectives on young people across the globe, focusing on such topics as parenting and childcare, international literacy campaigns, gender roles, violence against girls, adolescence in poor and rich countries, and developmental psychopathology across cultures. Recently updated, the second edition includes the latest findings in the field as well as many new chapters.

With contributions from leading psychological and anthropological scholars, chapters address worldwide changes in children's lives, parent-child relationships, sibling relationships, immigrant children and their families, and adolescents in both industrialized and developing nations. A special section discusses children living in difficult circumstances, including street children, child soldiers, global nomads, and children suffering from various internalizing and externalizing disorders. This book is the perfect introduction to the latest trends in developmental psychology.

**Features**

- Considers parenting and childhood development in different mating and marital systems
- Includes compelling but often neglected topics, such as children and teens in war-torn countries
- Contains the most recent and detailed research on the topic, written in accessible, nontechnical language
- Integrates psychological and anthropological perspectives
- Features research conducted across the globe, from remote locations through first-world countries in East Asia and the West

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