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The Development Of Children



Synopsis

The Development of Children has long been acclaimed for its authoritative chronological exploration of how the lives of children are shaped by biological and cultural factors. In this thoroughly updated new edition, lead author Cynthia Lightfoot builds on the legacy of original authors Michael and Sheila Cole, offering a lively, engaging, and always accessible examination of child development as a process involving the whole child within multiple, mutually influencing contexts. Throughout, the emphasis is on how the interaction of biology and culture contributes both to the universal pathways of development shared by all children and to the diverse developmental patterns that unfold in the lives of individual children.

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Customer Reviews

Cynthia Lightfoot is Professor and Head of Human Development and Family Studies at the Pennsylvania State University, Brandywine. Her published works focus on the sociocultural contexts of child and adolescent development, most recently, on teen pregnancy. Michael Cole is an all-University of California Professor of Psychology, Communication, and Human Development. His home base is University of California, San Diego, where he is the Director of the Laboratory of Comparative Human Cognition. For many years he spent his afternoons participating with children and undergraduates in development-enhancing after-school programs. He is an editor of the journal Mind, Culture and Activity. He has published widely on the role of culture and schooling in development, for which he has been awarded honorary degrees at Copenhagen University and the

University of Helsinki. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the National Academies of Education (of the United States and Russia). Dr. Cole is the 2011 recipient of the Distinguished Contributions to Cultural and Contextual Factors in Child Development Award. Sheila Cole is a former journalist who specialized in writing about families, children, development, and education. She is also a children's writer. Her most recent book offers a history of American childhood and is written for young people. She has also authored picture books, historical fiction, and novels for young adults. She participates in literacy programs for homeless adolescents."

I bought this book to help me understand my baby. I'm not studying child development. I was a bit wary at forking out about 10 times as much as the average parenting book costs for a textbook, but am so glad I did. Parenting books tell you what you should and shouldn't do and I find them too prescriptive. What I want to do is make decisions that are best for my family and baby, but to do this in an informed way - and this book is great for that. I was worried it might be too dry or heavy, but I actually found it far more readable than the average parenting book, it is beautifully written and filled with fascinating colour photos. It was wonderful, for example, to notice a picture of a baby blowing bubbles, because my baby had just started blowing bubbles like crazy - and then read and understand what that was all about. Also, unlike most parenting books which are padded out by cartoons or anecdotes that basically repeat the author's points, none of the information in this book is repetitive or extraneous. It has increased my confidence as a mother and helped me sort through all the conflicting advice new mothers receive. I have shared this book round my mother's group. One of the other mothers, who has a science background, said she wasn't impressed at some of the studies referred to because there were far too many variables. Nevertheless, she too found it extremely useful and is ordering her own copy of the book.

Great for high school or entry college class into psychology. Unfortunately, this was a requirement for my child psych degree. I wish it wasn't so juvenile and was more in depth. The material seems rather basic, a lot of common sense information that anyone working towards a degree in child development or psychology should already know. That being said, it has a nice layout and I do appreciate the definitions in the side margins.

I am very annoyed because the bottom end of the spine is very damaged. It's especially annoying because I learned after purchasing the rental that I'm going to have to buy it out for future classes,

so that means I'm going to be stuck with this damaged book now. If I didn't have to use it immediately for an assignment, I'd request a replacement.

School textbook. Served purpose

Great price !

It was a great text book for psychology major students, especially for learning developmental psychology. It was a used book, but it was very clean, and just like a new book, which I appreciated very much. The Development of Children is a helpful book and very worth reading sometimes no matter whether you are in psychology major, because it is related to children's development, which is practical and useful in life. :)

Such an informative book. I learned so much from it and recommend to anyone who works with children or wants to have children one day

This book was bought for a grad school class, but it has a lot of interesting information for someone who is not only going to be a teacher, but planning on being a parent.

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