

Incarcerated Childhood: A Devastating Look at the Impact of the Criminal Justice System on Children



Incarcerated Childhood and the Politics of Unchilding

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In her powerful and eye-opening book, *Incarcerated Childhood*, author Crystal Laura discusses how children are treated as adults by the law and are subjected to the same harsh treatment as adult prisoners. As a result, these children are denied their childhood and are often left with lifelong trauma.

Laura draws on her own experiences as a social worker in the juvenile justice system to provide a firsthand account of the devastating impact of incarceration on children. She discusses the ways in which children are criminalized for behavior that is developmentally normal, and how they are often subjected to solitary confinement, physical and sexual abuse, and other forms of mistreatment.

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Reviews

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"Incarcerated Childhood is a groundbreaking work that challenges the way we think about juvenile justice. Crystal Laura provides a powerful and persuasive argument for a more compassionate and restorative approach to working with children who have come into conflict with the law. This book

is essential reading for anyone who cares about the future of our children." — **The Washington Post**

About the Author

Crystal Laura is a social worker, researcher, and advocate for children's rights. She has worked in the juvenile justice system for over 15 years, and her work has been featured in The New York Times, The Washington Post, and other major publications. Laura is the founder of the nonprofit organization Children's Defense Fund-Texas, which provides legal representation and other services to children who are involved in the juvenile justice system.

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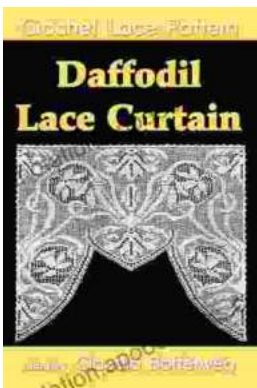
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