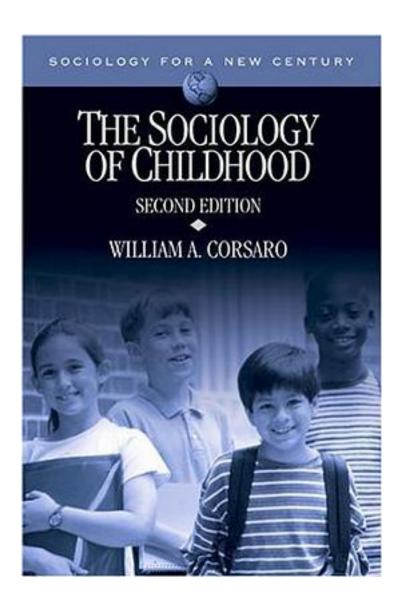
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Key Features

 New chapter on up-to-date methods of research for studying children. New chapters on theory, cultural change, and children's peer cultures. New section on children's rights including a description and discussion of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Updated chapter on the Future of Childhood addresses current policy debates and changing demographics related to children in today's societies. Contains many examples of children's actual play and behavior. Provides photographs and charts that capture the complexity and diversity of children's lives. The Sociology of Children's highly recommended for use as the core text in courses on the sociology of children and childhood, as well as for parents, teachers, and other adults interested in the social lives and development of children. It can also be used in early education, child development, and child psychology courses, and as a supplemental text in the area of family studies.

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