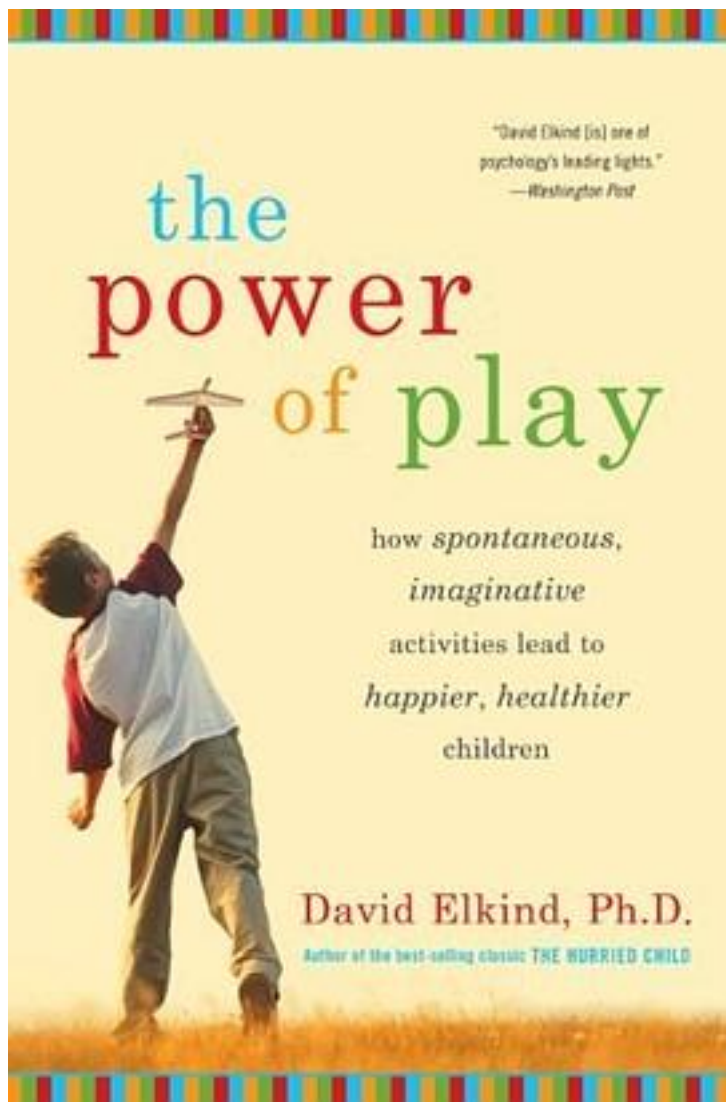


Power of Play



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Best-selling author and distinguished professor, David Elkind provides parents with an understanding of and appreciation for the powerful role of "play" in healthy emotional and academic development

In modern childhood, free, unstructured play time is being replaced more and more by academics, lessons, competitive sports, and passive, electronic entertainment.

While parents may worry that their children will be at a disadvantage if they are not engaged in constant, explicit learning or using the latest "educational" games, David Elkind's *The Power of Play* reassures us that unscheduled imaginative play goes far in preparing children for academic and social success. Through expert analysis of the research and powerful situational examples, Elkind shows that, indeed, creative spontaneous activity best sets the stage for academic learning in the first place: Children learn mutual respect and cooperation through role-playing and the negotiation of rules, which in turn prepare them for successful classroom learning; in simply playing with rocks, for example, a child could discover properties of counting and shapes that are the underpinnings of math; even a toddler's babbling is a necessary precursor to the acquisition of language.

An important contribution to the literature about how children learn, *The Power of Play* suggests ways to restore play's respected place in children's lives, at home, at school, and in the larger community. In defense of unstructured "down time," it encourages parents to trust their instincts and resist the promise of the wide and dubious array of educational products on the market geared to youngsters.

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书评

我若在文章中写到学习中兴趣爱好的重要性，立刻就有读者站出来，认为我在否定努力。这样的读者，恐怕是缺乏精细的鉴别力。假如你说你热爱黑夜，他必定以为你是痛恨白天。如果你说你喜欢冬季，他会认为你一定痛恨春天，不知我们可让二个貌似对立的元素，形成并存的局面，如同一...

马克·吐温小说《汤姆·索亚历险记》里，汤姆·索亚有一日在费力刷墙，想让别的小朋友帮忙做这苦差事，小朋友不肯帮忙。他想用自己的玩具交换他们的劳动，发觉自己的玩具不够交换的，于是心生一计，故意说刷墙多好啊，小朋友哪有机会天天刷墙啊。这么一说，小朋友突然一下发觉...

The Power of Play一书用了很大篇幅讲述游戏的规则。作者也花了很多时间去观察游戏中的儿童。大部分其他儿童的研究者也一样会去留心观察儿童做游戏的过程。这不但关系到儿童的成长，也能够为我们自己对世界的认识有所启示。
世界上好多事情很像游戏，我这里说的游戏并不是...
