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Children,
Pollution, and
Why Scientists
Disagree



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How does pollution impact our daily quality of life? What are the effects of pollution on children's development? Why do industry and environmental experts disagree about what levels of pollutants are safe? In this book, the author traces the debates around five key pollutants - lead, mercury, noise, pesticides, and dioxins and PCBs - and provides an overview of the history of each, the basic research findings, and the surrounding scientific and regulatory controversies. Moore focuses, in particular, on the impact of these pollutants on children's psychological development - their intellectual functioning, behaviour, and emotional states. Only by understanding the impact of pollution can we prevent future negative effects on quality of life and even pollution disasters from occurring.

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