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Sarah Weinman's *Taking Children* is a powerful and disturbing account of the history of child abuse in America. Through meticulous research and vivid storytelling, Weinman traces the roots of this national crisis from the colonial era to the present day, revealing how children have been systematically devalued and victimized throughout our history.

Weinman begins her book by examining the ways in which children were seen and treated in colonial America. She shows how children were often viewed as property, to be bought, sold, and traded at will. They were also subject to harsh discipline, including physical and emotional abuse.

As the United States grew and industrialized, the treatment of children did not improve. In fact, in many ways, it got worse. The rise of child labor and the growth of orphanages and other institutions led to even more children being subjected to abuse and neglect.

In the 20th century, child abuse began to be recognized as a social problem. However, it was not until the 1970s that the full extent of the problem began to be understood. In 1974, the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act was passed, which led to the creation of a national reporting system for child abuse.

Despite the progress that has been made in the fight against child abuse, it remains a serious problem in America today. Every year, millions of children are abused and neglected. *Taking Children* is a powerful reminder of the horrors that children have endured throughout our history, and it is a call to action to do more to protect children from abuse and neglect.

Praise for *Taking Children*

"A powerful and disturbing account of the history of child abuse in America."
- *The New York Times*

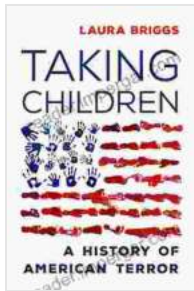
"A must-read for anyone who cares about the well-being of children." - *The Washington Post*

"A groundbreaking work that will change the way we think about child abuse." - *The Boston Globe*

About the Author

Sarah Weinman is an award-winning journalist and author. She is a contributing editor at *The New York Times Book Review* and a regular contributor to *The Guardian*, *The Atlantic*, and other publications. Weinman is the author of several books, including *The Real Lolita: The Kidnapping of Sally Horner and the Novel that Scandalized America* and *Scoundrel: The Scandalous Life and Dirty Death of William Marcus "Billy" Graham*.

Taking Children is a powerful and important book that deserves to be read by everyone who cares about the well-being of children.

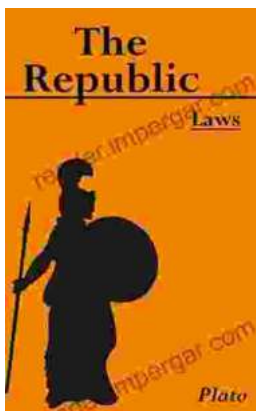


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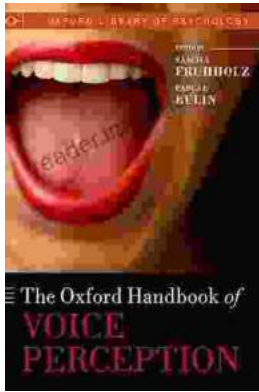
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