

"If you are a parent, teacher, or doctor of a child diagnosed with ADHD, you owe it to the child to read this book."

—Irving Kirsch, author of *The Emperor's New Drugs*

A DISEASE CALLED CHILDHOOD



**Why ADHD Became
an American Epidemic**

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A Disease Called Childhood: Why ADHD Became an American Epidemic



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A family therapist offers a unexpected new go through the rise of ADHD in America, arguing for a better paradigm for diagnosing and treating our children.and a better, happier, and less medicated future for American children. Since 1987, the amount of American children identified as having ADHD has jumped from 3 to 11 percent. Meanwhile, ADHD rates remain relatively low in additional countries such as France, Finland, the UK, and Japan, where the number of children identified as having and medicated for ADHD can be 1 percent or less. In the process, Wedge offers a fresh paradigm for kid mental health— In A Disease Known as Childhood, Wedge examines the elements that have created a generation dependent on stimulant drugs. and to get out whether there are option remedies to powerful prescription drugs. Instead of focusing only on dealing with symptoms, she looks at the various potential factors behind hyperactivity and inattention in children, and behavioral and environmental—instead of strictly biological—treatments that have been proven to help. Alarmed by this trend, family therapist Marilyn Wedge set out to understand how ADHD became an American epidemic—



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Five Stars great Five Stars Well-written, well-researched, evidence-centered. Every teacher and every mother or father must read this book! Well written , easy to follow with excellent, true to life examples. This is one of those books EVERYONE should have within their home library! For those who have a kid identified as having ADHD- read this book. It's worth it. EVERY TEACHER... Most parents should go through this. Just read it Well informed author knows what she is talking about because it has been her job for thirty years. Well researched. It really is positive and very well written. There are too many psychologists/psychiatrists working together for profit; It also shows how quickly influenced we are by the persuasive lobby of the . Well researched. Ground-breaking details on the psychiatric/psychology professions and the impact on them by the large pharmaceutical corporations. Five Stars Actually enjoyed this book and learning a new viewpoint for this 'condition'. Thanks Five Stars THANK YOU Five Stars This book completely changed my perspective on ADHD. Ground-breaking information on the psychiatric/psychology professions and .. having no moral scruples for the treatment of their individuals or the bewildered parents who place their rely upon them. Excellent research and personal testimony of a person who knows children . Excellent research and personal testimony of somebody who knows children very well and has great compassion for them. So thankful to have knowledge of how Put/ADHD is actually described and diagnosed and all of the changes to the diagnoses over the past 30 years in parallel with the marketing of stimulant medicines to 'treat' the problem... My own synopsis is definitely that Interest Deficit Disorder is not a deficiency in virtually any child, it's the parent's absence of attention to their needs; I see this book as an important reference to educators and parents to situate them in today's controversy between public and biological models of behavior. Parents should model the example they need their children to check out and continually train along the way because they grow and mature.... This book makes a compelling case for addressing the issues of childhood from a psychosocial perspective considering issues of parenting, adverse childhood experiences, stress,etc. and their influence in children's emotional health. It also shows how conveniently influenced we are by the persuasive lobby of the medical and pharma industry in categorizing as purely biological a condition (ADHD) that until lately was viewed arising from simply misbehavior, emotional dysfunctions or skill deficits in kids growing up. It is frightening to see so many young kids are taking medicines for conditions that can be addressed by engaging in therapy in which they can actually learn the required coping skills forever. children need the security of knowing they are cherished, nutritious diet and correct training.



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