



Colonial Childhoods

The Juvenile Periphery of India 1850-1945

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Description

An examination of the role and history of the child, the parent and the family in India between the 1860s and the 1930s.

Colonial Childhoods is about the politics of childhood in India between the 1860s and the 1930s. It examines not only the redefinition of the 'child' in the cultural and intellectual climate of colonialism, but also the uses of the child, the parent and the family in colonizing and nationalizing projects. It investigates also the complications of transporting metropolitan discourses of childhood, adulthood and expertise across the lines of race. Focused on reformatories and laws for juvenile delinquents, and boarding schools for aristocratic children, it illuminates a vital area of conflict and accommodation in a colonial society.

Readership: This book will appeal to readers interested in the social structure and history of India.

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