



The World Taught by Children— A Family Sociologist with Her Son and Cat by Yoshimi Kataoka (family sociologist)

The World Taught by Children—A Family Sociologist with Her Son and Cat, the third publication in the Future of Children series, is now on sale. This essay is written by Yoshimi Kataoka, a leading researcher in family management.

- As seen in the “early bed, early rise, and breakfast” movement, the educational capabilities of families has been emphasized in recent years. But can children’s lifestyle habits be established solely at home?
- Many single-mother households suffer from economic difficulties, compounded by the pressure of becoming a “normal” family. Is there no relief for these mothers’ suffering?
- Schools encourage every student to “get along and agree with others.” But doesn’t this force excessive homogeneity onto everyone?
- Education on hometowns is flourishing, mainly in rural areas. Will the local issues faced by these areas be solved by discovering and disseminating the advantages of hometowns?
- When children cry in public places, their parents receive hard stares. Are children not welcome in public spaces? What is “public” in the first place?

Thinking carefully about these random questions in our daily lives, we can see the society created by adults and the problems inherent in it. Why not start walking toward a society where both adults and children can live unconstrained?

Social activist Makoto Yuasa recommends this book:

“What you need is perseverance to accept differences from others, rather than continuing to read the atmosphere. Here are hints for creating an open society!”



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