
Growing Up Absurd Paul Goodman

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A psychologist with a
reputation for penetrating
to the heart of complex
parenting issues joins
forces with a physician

and bestselling author to
tackle one of the most
disturbing and
misunderstood trends of
our time -- peers replacing
parents in the lives of our
children. Dr. Neufeld has
dubbed this phenomenon
peer orientation, which
refers to the tendency of
children and youth to look
to their peers for direction:
for a sense of right and
wrong, for values, identity
and codes of behaviour.

But peer orientation undermines family cohesion, poisons the school atmosphere, and fosters an aggressively hostile and sexualized youth culture. It provides a powerful explanation for schoolyard bullying and youth violence; its effects are painfully evident in the context of teenage gangs and criminal activity, in tragedies such as in Littleton, Colorado; Tabor, Alberta and Victoria, B.C. It is an escalating trend that has never been adequately described or contested until *Hold On to Your Kids*. Once understood, it becomes self-evident -- as do the solutions. *Hold On to Your Kids* will restore parenting to its natural intuitive basis and the parent-child relationship to its rightful preeminence. The concepts, principles and practical advice contained in *Hold On to Your Kids* will empower parents to satisfy their children's inborn need to find direction by turning towards a source of authority, contact and warmth. Something has changed. One can sense it, one can feel it, just not find the words for it. Children are not quite the same as we remember being. They seem less likely to take their cues from adults, less inclined to please those in charge, less afraid of getting into trouble. Parenting, too, seems to have changed. Our parents seemed more confident, more certain of themselves and had more impact on us, for better or for worse. For many,

parenting does not feel natural. Adults through the ages have complained about children being less respectful of their elders and more difficult to manage than preceding generations, but could it be that this time it is for real? -- from *Hold On to Your Kids*

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Wayne State

University Press

A revolutionary compilation of speeches which produced a political groundwork for many of the radical movements in the following decades. The now legendary *Dialectics of Liberation* congress, held in London in 1967, was a unique expression of the politics of dissent.

Existential psychiatrists, Marxist intellectuals, anarchists, and political leaders met to discuss key social issues. Edited by David Cooper, *The Dialectics of Liberation* compiles interventions from congress contributors Stokely Carmichael, Herbert Marcuse, R. D. Laing, Paul Sweezy, and others, to explore the roots of social violence. Against a backdrop of rising student frustration, racism, class inequality, and environmental degradation—a setting familiar to readers today—the conference aimed to create genuine revolutionary momentum by fusing

ideology and action on the levels of the individual and of mass society. The Dialectics of Liberation captures the rise of a forceful style of political activity that came to characterize the following years.

The Dialectics of Liberation

Marion Boyars

Growing Up Absurd New York

Review of Books

Speaking and

Language: Defence of

Poetry University of

Chicago Press

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meaningful work that engages body and soul. Goodman saw the young as the first casualties of a humanly repressive social and economic system and, as such, the front line of potential resistance. Noam Chomsky has said, "Paul Goodman's impact is all about us," and certainly it can be felt in the powerful localism of today's renascent left. A classic of anarchist thought, *Growing Up Absurd* not only offers a penetrating indictment of the human costs of corporate capitalism but points the way forward. It is a tale of yesterday's youth that speaks directly to our common future.

Seeds of Liberation Transaction Publishers

From the publication of *Growing Up Absurd* in 1960 until his death in 1972, Paul Goodman had the ear of the young radicals of the New Left, pouring forth books and articles on education, technology, decentralization, and of course, the war in Vietnam. Yet Goodman saw himself primarily as an artist rather than a political thinker or sociologist, and many of his books, even during the 1960s, were works of poetry, drama, and fiction. He had also practiced as a psychotherapist and joined with Frederick Perls and Ralph Hefferkine in producing a new synthesis in psychological thought, Gestalt therapy, which has since become an international movement. In an age of specialization, few writers have taken on so broad a range of concerns. *Crazy Hope* and *Finite Experience* is the final summing up of the thought and life of a self-described "old-fashioned man of letters." This book brings together for the first time five personal essays, all written near the end of his life, in which Goodman

discusses his sense of the world and how he was "in" it, his politics, his spiritual and religious attitude, his sexuality, and his calling as a literary artist. For those already familiar with one or another aspect of his work, Goodman's self-assessment will provide new insight into the credo that underlies his whole career. For those learning about him for the first time, it offers a vivid sense of the man and his perspective. And for psychotherapists - especially Gestalt therapists - the book will fill in the picture of Goodman as a theorist whose work was crucial to the development of a new approach to therapy.

All that is Solid Melts Into Air
New York Review of Books

Articles on social issues, including civil rights, international peace, non-violence, eradication of poverty, etc., culled from "Liberation" magazine over the past decade.

Kids These Days Taylor & Francis

This third essay collection by

America's leading essayist brings together her most important critical writing from 1972 to 1980, in which she explores some of the most influential artists and thinkers of our time. Nature Heals Ayer Company Pub

In Kids These Days, early Wall Street occupier Malcolm Harris gets real about why the Millennial generation has been wrongly stereotyped, and dares us to confront and take charge of the consequences now that we are grown up. Millennials have been stereotyped as lazy, entitled, narcissistic, and immature. We've gotten so used to sloppy generational analysis filled with dumb clichés about young people that we've lost sight of what really unites Millennials.

Namely: We are the most educated and hardworking generation in American history. We poured historic and insane amounts of time and money into preparing ourselves for the

21st-century labor market. We have been taught to consider working for free (homework, internships) a privilege for our own benefit. We are poorer, more medicated, and more precariously employed than our parents, grandparents, even our great grandparents, with less of a social safety net to boot. Kids These Days is about why. In brilliant, crackling prose, early Wall Street occupier Malcolm Harris gets mercilessly real about our maligned birth cohort. Examining trends like runaway student debt, the rise of the intern, mass incarceration, social media, and more, Harris gives us a portrait of what it means to be young in America today that will wake you up and piss you off. Millennials were the first generation raised explicitly as investments, Harris argues, and in Kids These Days he dares us to confront and take charge of the consequences now that we are grown up.

Paul Goodman, *Growing Up*

Absurd ... *Growing Up*
Absurd

-- Lewis Mumford

Utopian Essays and Practical

Proposals Rowman & Littlefield

No one can tell in advance what form a movement will take.

Grace Lee Boggs' s fascinating autobiography traces the story of a woman who transcended class and racial boundaries to pursue her passionate belief in a better society. Now with a new foreword by Robin D. G.

Kelley, *Living for Change* is a sweeping account of a legendary human rights activist whose network included Malcolm X and C. L. R. James. From the end of the 1930s, through the Cold War, the Civil Rights era, and the rise of the Black Panthers to later efforts to rebuild crumbling urban communities, *Living for Change* is an exhilarating look at a remarkable woman who dedicated her life to social justice.

Death of the Soul New York

Review of Books

A homosexual teacher falls in love with one of his students, seduces him, and faces exposure and punishment
Compulsory Mis-education, and The Community of Scholars Morgan James Publishing

The author embarks on a journey across the country to find out what Saturday night means to different people in American culture.
Values and Ideals of American Youth Anchor Books

A collection of 12 articles dealing with institutional authority and its inadequacies.
John E. Fetzer and the Quest for the New Age New York : Random House

Paul Goodman was one of the founders and major theoreticians of Gestalt therapy, as well as a practicing psychotherapist for many years. He constantly sought to understand the nature of our selves and our society. "Our misery seems so ingrained that it

calls for an explanation from our essential natures." "Nature Heals" contains Goodman's most Important writings on psychology, including his critiques of Sigmund Freud and Wilhelm Reich, his discussions of aggression, racism, sex, ethics and other areas of modern psychopathology. Of particular Interest is his appraisal of the special problems of writers, and his notes on his own self-analysis. This book stands alone as perceptive psychological writing. These essays also help us understand the underpinnings of Goodman's political and literary visions. The pieces - some of them published here for the first time - have been selected and introduced by Taylor Stoehr, Goodman's biographer and one of his literary executors.

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McFarland

John E. Fetzer and the Quest for the New Age is the remarkable story of the spiritual search of one of Michigan ' s most successful entrepreneurs, a search that culminated in the Fetzer Institute whose

ambitious mission is nothing less than the spiritual transformation of the world.

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This eye-opening book brilliantly explores the true roots of over-parenting, and makes a case for the vital importance of family life. Parents naturally worry about the future. They want to prepare their children to compete in an uncertain world. But often, argues political philosopher and father of three Matt Feeney, today's worried parents surrender their family's autonomy to gain a leg up in this competition. In the American ideal, family life is a sacred and private sphere, distinct from the outside world. But in our hypercompetitive times, Feeney shows, parents have become increasingly willing to let the inner life of the family be colonized by outside forces that promise better futures for their kids:

prestigious preschools, "educational" technologies, youth sports leagues, a multitude of enrichment activities, and -- most of all -- college. A provocative, eye-opening book for any parent who suspects their kids' stuffed schedules are not serving their best interests, *Little Platoons* calls us to rediscover the distinctive, profound solidarity of family life.

Hold On to Your Kids Little, Brown

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The experience of modernization -- the dizzying social changes that swept millions of people into the capitalist world -- and modernism in art, literature and architecture

are brilliantly integrated in this account.

The Women of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League
McFarland

Traces the development of philosophical thought from the seventeenth century to today, and explores why questions of the soul figure so little in the minds of present-day technocratic intellectuals

Farrar, Straus and Giroux

The claim that masturbation isn't good for you didn't just come out of nowhere. As April Haynes shows, a range of feminist reformers in nineteenth century America all agreed that the solitary vice caused untold suffering and death; that women and girls masturbated as frequently as did men and boys; that they did so because they lacked access to sexual information; and that therefore, female sex education would save lives. Haynes, in short shows that nascent feminists remade what might have been a puritanical crusade into a basis

for envisioning their own sexual self-mastery with mixed results, for Haynes also tells the story of how, before the advent of sexology or even the professionalization of medicine, a great silent army ” of evangelical female reformers first popularized, then institutionalized, the normative sexual discourse of the nineteenth century.