



lost adventures *of* childhood

The high *price* of hyper parenting

Children once played freely in the streets, created their own games and came home when it got dark. Today we have supervised play dates, GPS child tracking systems and year round organized sports. This is the era of hyper-managed childhood.

Lost Adventures of Childhood looks at how we got here and to what end. The short answer is fear. A fear of abduction, school shootings, litigation and falling behind in a hyper-competitive world. All this, combined with the epic rise in computer games, has conspired to keep today's children indoors. When they do go out, it's rarely without some form of adult supervision or structure, making it far less likely for kids to play simply on their own.

So what does it matter if kids don't play the old fashioned way? According to the scientists' studies – everything from literacy and creativity to social acumen and mental health is suffering. Compelling and universally relevant, this program uses case study and expert analysis to explore the impact of this incredible sea change in the way children play...and grow.

It turns out that child's play is nothing less than nature's way of making sure kids learn.

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