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to the subject and will be essential reading for all undergraduate students on medical sociology and sociology of health and illness courses as well as postgraduate students in related health and social care disciplines David Wainwright is a Senior Lecturer in the School for Health University of Bath Childhood Chris Jenks, 2005 Childhood is an extremely complex and highly contested concept It refers to a life phase as well as to the age group defined as children but is also a cultural construction part of the social and economic structure of communities The key scholarship collected introduced and reprinted in these volumes reflects this complexity and introduces the reader to the wide variety of interpretations that have been and continue to be placed on it It might be suggested that the push or initiative in theorizing childhood has derived from advances within sociology and anthropology However the future provides potential for interdisciplinary study which this collection also reflects The contemporary study of childhood must comprise a conjoining of disciplines sociology anthropology psychology social geography history philosophy and socio legal theory all have something to add to the field and are represented within the collection

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