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What do babies and young children really need? For the first time, two famed advocates for children cut through all the theories, platitudes, and controversies that surround parenting advice to define what every child must have in the first years of life. They lay out the seven irreducible needs of any child, in any society, and confront such thorny questions as: How much time do children need one-on-one with a parent? What is the effect of shifting caregivers, of custody arrangements? Why are we knowingly letting children fail in school? Nothing is off limits. This short, hard-hitting book, the fruit of decades of experience and caring, sounds a wake-up call for parents, teachers, judges, social workers, policy makers-anyone who cares about the welfare of children. A Merloyd Lawrence Book

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Kymberley Moffett says

Excellent

Capella says

interesting....I probably won't finish it. I had to order it from the library when I saw the title...anything with "irreducible" in it must be good.

Nancy Rhodes says

Dr Greenspan was my son's doctor when we lived in Maryland. His floorime approach and book A Child With Special Needs made a tremendous difference in my son's life

Rosemary Generali says

Excellent, informative book. Probably the best childrearing book I've ever read.

Lisa says

Brazelton AND Greenspan? It's like paradise in the kid-psych aisle!

Emily says

A lot of parenting books seem mainly to be recommendations or aggregates of specific parenting techniques that may or may not apply. The two authors here do a great job of telling you not what their personal opinions are, but what every growing child needs in their life, regardless of parenting style may be. This is a wonderful book for any soon-to-be parent, or any parent with a young child or infant.

Laura says

This is a bit more dense and scholarly than I'd expected but I'm learning quite a lot about exactly what the

title says - what every child must have to grow, learn, and flourish. I wish the authors of all those parenting books out there would read this before spreading more advice that is actually detrimental to kids. (I actually haven't finished it - I'm mostly skimming it at this point but I would recommend it just to the first few summary pages of each chapter.)

Nilanthi says

It was a little dry, compared to some of the other books of Brazelton's that I have read. Still a lot of great information, though!

Courtney says

Most of this is good, but if you've read some of his other books you know he's pretty traditional and not science/evidence-based.

Nicoleta says

Trebuie s? salv?m planeta ca s? salv?m copiii.

La cre?? în primii ani nu ar trebui s? fie mai mult de 3 copii la un îngrijitor. Ideal ar fi s? se men?in? un acela?i îngrijitor permanent în primii 3 ani sau cam a?a ceva.

Jenne says

The Irreducible Needs is power packed with great ideas born from the minds of two experts who have obviously been immersed in these issues for their professional careers. Their thoughts are highly deserving of consideration. I believe this book would make a fantastic textbook for child development and family studies classes. In part, The Irreducible Needs of Children acts like the marching orders for a generation of public policy leaders given by the highest and longest ranking officials in the field. This is a must read for early childhood educators, teachers and administrators. Parents can greatly benefit from Chapters 1-5 but will find that there is a great deal of big picture, society level thinking presented in the book.
