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Review

Stunning... Who would have thought that there was anything new to say about childhood? Arnold surprises us at every turn. (**Diane Komp, MD**, Prof. of Pediatrics, Yale University)

In our hard-charging culture, children often get pushed to the edges of our crowded schedules. Arnold understands the pressures, but points to another way. His book is practical and compelling. (**Timothy Jones**, author, *Nurturing Your Child's Soul*)

A deeply inspiring tribute to children...Arnold's basic message is clear, and well worth heeding: a deep reverence for children will make the world a better place. (**Publishers Weekly**)

Beautiful...It is Arnold's reverence for children that I love. (**Jonathan Kozol**)

Arnold's respect for the needs of children is evident on every page, and his perspective gives those who work with children a renewed sense of purpose...This is the perfect gift for a favorite teacher or parent. (**Foreword Magazine**)

Welcome reading for parents, grandparents, teachers and all those who care deeply about nurturing the next generation. (**Marian Wright Edelman**, president, Children's Defense Fund)

About the Author

People have come to expect sound advice from Johann Christoph Arnold, an award-winning author with over a million copies of his books in print in more than 20 languages. A noted speaker and writer on marriage, parenting, and end-of-life issues, Arnold is a senior pastor of the Bruderhof, a movement of Christian communities. With his wife, Verena, he has counseled thousands of individuals and families over the last forty years. His books include *Why Forgive?*, *Rich in Years*, *Seeking Peace*, *Cries from the Heart*, *Be Not Afraid*, and *Why Children Matter*. Arnold's message has been shaped by encounters with great peacemakers such as Martin Luther King Jr., Mother Teresa, César Chavez, and John Paul II. Together with paralyzed police officer Steven McDonald, Arnold started the Breaking the Cycle program, working with students at hundreds of public high schools to promote reconciliation through forgiveness. This work has also brought him to conflict zones from Northern Ireland to Rwanda to the Middle East. Closer to home, he serves as chaplain for the local sheriff's department. Born in Britain in 1940 to German refugees, Arnold spent his boyhood years in South America, where his parents found asylum during the war; he immigrated to the United States in 1955. He and his wife have eight children, 42 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. They live in upstate New York. To learn more visit www.richinyears.com

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