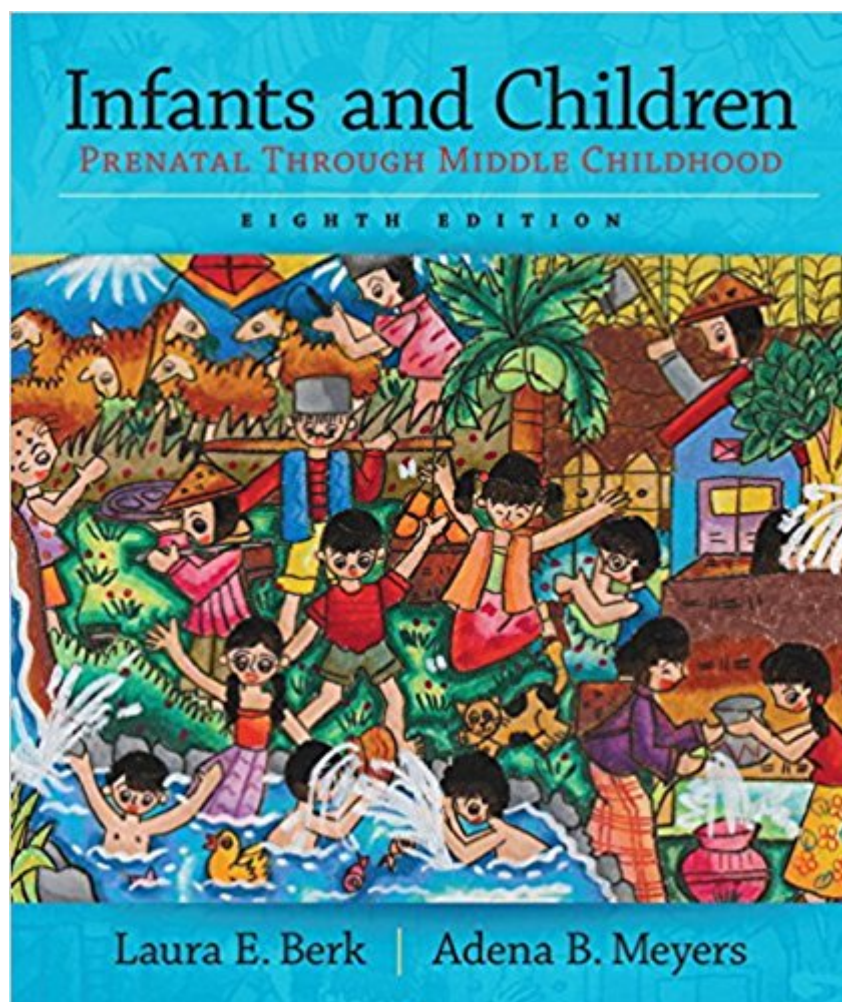




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# Infants And Children: Prenatal Through Middle Childhood (8th Edition) (Berk & Meyers, The Infants, Children, And Adolescents Series, 8th Edition)





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A best-selling, chronologically organized child development text, Berk and Meyers' *Infants and Children: Prenatal Through Middle Childhood* is relied on in classrooms worldwide for its clear, engaging writing style, exceptional multicultural and cross-cultural focus, rich examples, and long-standing commitment to presenting the most up-to-date scholarship while also offering students research-based, practical applications that they can relate to their personal and professional lives. The authors take an integrated approach to presenting development in the physical, cognitive, emotional, and social domains; emphasize the complex interchanges between heredity and environment; and provide exceptional attention to culture. Renowned professor, researcher, and author Laura Berk is joined by new coauthor Adena Meyers. As faculty colleagues in the Department of Psychology at Illinois State University, they have collaborated on numerous projects, and their distinct areas of specialization and tremendous expertise make them a great team for coauthoring this new edition. Together, they present the latest theories and findings in the field to students in a manageable and relevant way. Berk and Meyers' signature story-like, conversational style invites students to actively learn beside the text's "characters," who experience real issues in development, including physical, cognitive, and peer challenges, as well as parenting and educational concerns. Berk and Meyers also help students connect their learning to their personal and professional areas of interest, speaking directly about issues students will face in their future pursuits as parents, educators, health care providers, social workers, and researchers. As members of a global and diverse human community, students are called on to intelligently approach the responsibility of understanding and responding to the needs and concerns of children. While carefully considering the complexities of child development, the authors present classic and emerging theories in an especially clear, engaging writing style, with a multitude of research-based, real-world, cross-cultural, and multicultural examples. Strengthening the connections among developmental domains and of theory and research with applications, this edition's extensive revision brings

forth the most recent scholarship, representing the changing field of child development. *Infants and Children: Prenatal Through Middle Childhood*, Eighth Edition is also available via REVEL, an immersive learning experience designed for the way today's students read, think, and learn. Learn more.

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"I have enthusiastically used *Infants, Children, and Adolescents* for over twenty years. Not only does Berk consistently include the most up-to-date

research in each edition, but she presents it in a student-focused, engaging manner. As someone who has taught an extraordinarily diverse set of students in my career, I would recommend this text for any student interested in studying the dynamic process of child and adolescent development.

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• Diane Cook, University of North Georgia “Berk provides a clear and concise text to introduce topics and make them meaningful to students.

• Kristin Watson, Northwest Mississippi Community College “Dr. Berk combines superb scholarship, powerful writing, and a keen sense of organization to produce near perfection . . . Students . . . could not ask for a more informative textbook.

• Murray Krantz, Florida State University “Berk carefully and seamlessly introduces culturally diverse research findings to create a holistic and accurate understanding of development and its many nuances.

• Maggie Renken, Georgia State University “The research is presented with a great depth of understanding, not watered down or presented superficially, as in many texts, yet is described and structured in a way that helps students construct an overall, personally relevant understanding of development during childhood.

• Joan E. Test, Missouri State University “I love the way the narrative keeps the reader’s attention and constantly motivates the information. It is not simply a catalog of facts, but a story about how children develop.

• Dara Musher-Eisenman, Bowling Green State University “No other textbook covering child development does so as thoroughly as Berk’s *Infants, Children and Adolescents* in terms of research reviewed and incorporated, exemplary photos, and instructor resources.

• Kate Fogarty, University of Florida “There is excellent coverage of diversity, and delicate but appropriate discussions on apparent differences between various socioeconomic groups and cultures.

• Stuart Marcovitch, University of North Carolina Greensboro “Instead of reporting cut-and-dry research findings, the chapters also include applied information relevant to everyday lives in different cultures and ethnic

statuses. The colorful tables and pictures not only attract attention, but also [offer the] best illustrations.

• Hiu-Chin Hsu, University of Georgia “I find most valuable the relevance, currency and integration of research throughout the text, with an interesting and entertaining narrative that makes the research results come alive for beginning students in child development.

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• Murray Krantz, Florida State University “I am impressed by the “Ask yourself” sections; this is the exact way in which I try to encourage my students to approach the material, and I particularly appreciate the emphasis on evidence-based answers rather than opinions.

• Janet J. Boseovski, University of North Carolina Greensboro “I was very impressed with the attention to diversity issues.

• Dara Musher-Eisenman, Bowling Green State University “The text does an excellent job of simplifying complex cognitive phenomena in a way that makes them easy to understand. The text makes clear connections that illustrate how developmental research informs—or can inform—education and child-rearing practices.

• Maggie Renken, Georgia State University “Empirical studies and their findings are woven into the prose efficiently and with clarity. Classic theories are presented along with more cutting-edge research.

• Sarah Kollat, Pennsylvania State University “Berk’s books on child development are the quintessential texts for all serious students of child development.

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Bestselling author Laura Berk is joined by new coauthor Adena Meyers. “Our distinct areas of specialization make us a great team for coauthoring,” says Berk. Berk and Meyers’ teaching, research and practical experience bring tremendous expertise and insight to this new edition. Berk and Meyers are faculty colleagues in the Department of Psychology at Illinois State University. They have collaborated on numerous projects, most recently coauthoring the chapter on make-believe play and self-regulation for the Sage Handbook of Play and Learning in Early Childhood. Laura E. Berk is a distinguished professor of psychology at Illinois State University, where she has taught child, adolescent, and lifespan development for more than three decades. She received her bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of California, Berkeley, and her master’s and doctoral degrees in child development and

educational psychology from the University of Chicago. Berk has been a visiting scholar at Cornell University, UCLA, Stanford University, and the University of South Australia. She has published widely on effects of school environments on children's development, the development of children's private speech, and the role of make-believe play in development. She has been featured on National Public Radio's Morning Edition and in Parents Magazine, Wondertime, and Readers' Digest, and has contributed to Psychology Today and Scientific American. In addition to Infants, Children, and Adolescents, Berk's best-selling texts include Child Development, Development Through the Lifespan, and Exploring Lifespan Development, published by Pearson. Her other books include Private Speech: From Social Interaction to Self-Regulation; Scaffolding Children's Learning: Vygotsky and Early Childhood Education; Awakening Children's Minds: How Parents and Teachers Can Make a Difference; and A Mandate for Playful Learning in Preschool: Presenting the Evidence. Berk is active in work for children's causes. She recently completed nine years of service on the national board of Jumpstart for Young Children and currently serves on the governing board of the Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies. She is a fellow of the American Psychological Association, Division 7: Developmental Psychology.

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This book was required for the class providing a lot of information on the subject matter. It is a great

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I ordered this for school and I honestly really like it. I very clearly states the material and the developmental stages are very fascinating

Very useful

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Book delivered on time. Decent price.

The book is really the bomb - I mean it tells you everything you'll ever need to know about children from the womb till' 18 just about. Really a good book, I'm impressed.. I will rent it again to overview at some point.

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