Record Nr. UNINA9910300569703321 Autore Moore Allison Titolo Childhood and Sexuality: Contemporary Issues and Debates / / by Allison Moore, Paul Reynolds London:,: Palgrave Macmillan UK:,: Imprint: Palgrave Macmillan,, Pubbl/distr/stampa 2018 **ISBN** 9781137524973 1137524979 Edizione [1st ed. 2018.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (VI, 305 p.) Collana Studies in Childhood and Youth, , 2731-6475 Disciplina 305.2 Soggetti Sociology Social groups Sex (Psychology) School psychology Sociology of Family, Youth and Aging Psychology of Gender and Sexuality School Psychology Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto 1. Introduction -- 2. Theoretical Approaches to the Study of Sexuality -- 3. Law, Policy and Practice: National and International Dimension --4. The Age of Consent -- 5. Constructing and Managing Risk: The Example of Teenage Pregnancy -- 6. Sexualisation of Childhood --7. Diversity and Difference -- 8. Schooling Sexuality -- 9. Sexual Literacy -- 9. Sex, Sexuality and Social Media: A New and Pressing Danger -- 10. Conclusion: Reconciling Childhood and Sexuality. . This book explores how children engage with sex and sexuality. Sommario/riassunto Building on a conceptual and legal grounding in sexuality studies and the new sociology of childhood, the authors debate the age of consent, teenage pregnany, sexual diversity, sexualisation, sex education and sexual literacy, paedophilia, and sex in the digital age. Whilst Moore and Reynolds recognise the necessity of child protection and safeguarding in the context of risk, danger and harm, they also argue

that where these stifle children's sexual knowledge, understanding,

expression and experience, they contribute to a climate of fear, ignorance and bad experiences or harms. What is necessary is to balance safeguarding with enabling, and encourage judicious understandings that advance from a rigid developmental model to one that recognises pleasure and excitement in children's nascent sexual lives. Exploring that balance through their chosen issues, they seek to encourage changed thinking in professional, personal and academic contexts, and speculate that children might teach adults something about the way they think about sex. Childhood and Sexuality will be of interest to students, scholars and professionals across a range of subjects and disciplines including sociology, social work, criminology, and youth studies.