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Sommario/riassunto

Written by a leading child psychologist, this clearly written and practical book provides a template for interpreting change and meaning in children's lives through play activity. It shows how each child's pattern of play has a distinct profile of measurable features. These can be identified - and can be used to assess the child's development.
