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It's time to respect children

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After #MeToo, childism is the new revolution that will shake up society.

Treated as "second-class citizens," children are dominated and despised. Society tolerates behavior toward them that one would never dare inflict on an adult.

It all stems from the idea that a child or teenager is inferior to an adult: a "possession" to be controlled and "trained." From the abuse scandals making headlines across the globe to "no-kids" zones, abuse and intolerance toward children are everywhere. Violence—whether physical or psychological—is silenced, downplayed, and justified. At its core lies a broader system that disregards their voices, their needs, and their bodies.

In this hard-hitting book, Claire Bourdille, founder of the Collectif Enfantiste, reawakens our own childhood memories and reveals the extent of a trivialized and internalized contempt. It is an injustice in which we have all shifted from the side of the dominated to that of the dominant—often without even realizing it.

Childism is an uncompromising text that transforms our perspective, challenges our attitudes, and offers pathways for action—in the family, at school, within the justice system, and in public spaces. For changing the place of children means changing the world at its very roots. It means creating a better world for the adults we are, the children we once were, and the children of today and tomorrow.

Why this book is essential:

* It exposes an invisible, tolerated, deeply rooted, and everyday form of domination.
* It gives a political voice to those who are never heard.
* It proposes sharing power, because children's vulnerability and natural dependence cannot justify their domination.
* It offers concrete solutions for taking action, right here and now.

The "no kids" movement is a symptom
of a broader contempt.
If this were happening to any other group,
we would call it segregation.

Claire Bourdille is now one of the leading voices on childhood issues. A single mother, she founded the Collectif Enfantiste in 2022 to combat the contempt and violence suffered by children. With *Childism*, her first book, she has written a powerful work, drawing on her personal experience and her activism on the ground.

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Le Monde, July 4, 2026: *What is childism, a concept increasingly associated with feminist struggles?*

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France Info, April 25, 2026: *"There are many stereotypes about children": What is childism, this movement that defends the rights of young children against abuse by adults?*

Les Inrockuptibles, April 15, 2026: *Child sexual abuse: Why the investigation "Les Hommes de la rue du Bac" leaves no one unscathed*

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Libération, November 25, 2025: *Libé's children's authors: "The status of children is a blind spot in all social struggles."*

Le Temps, November 25, 2025: *Claire Bourdille: "A child is not just a prop. They think, feel, and act. They are a political subject."*

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