



Upstart: The Case for Raising the School Starting Age and Providing What the Under-Sevens Really Need

By Sue Palmer

Floris Books. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Upstart: The Case for Raising the School Starting Age and Providing What the Under-Sevens Really Need, Sue Palmer, Why does Britain and its former colonies send children to school as young as four and five, when in eighty-eight per cent of the world the starting age is six or seven? Sue Palmer, author of bestselling Toxic Childhood, uncovers the truth: it's not because of what's best for children, but historical accident and economics. Palmer examines research ranging from neurological science to educational data, and shows that under-sevens gain most -- educationally, physically, socially and psychologically -- from not being stuck behind a desk. Upstart puts forward a passionate case for Britain adopting a proper 'kindergarten' stage that recognises what under-sevens really need. With clarity, ease and vigour, Palmer describes a different way of doing early years education that would have huge benefits both for individual children, and for our nation.



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