

# Who Cares for Our Children? The Urgent Need for Reform in Our Child Welfare System



## Who Cares for Our Children?: The Child Care Crisis in the Other America by Valerie Polakow

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Every child deserves a safe and loving home. But for far too many children, this is not the reality. In the United States, there are over 400,000 children in foster care. These children have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect, or other factors.

The child welfare system is designed to protect children from harm. But all too often, it fails to live up to this goal. Children in foster care often experience instability, trauma, and abuse. They are more likely to drop out of school, become involved in crime, and experience mental health problems.

The problems with the child welfare system are complex. But one of the biggest challenges is the lack of funding. The United States spends less per child in foster care than any other developed country. This lack of

funding has led to overcrowded foster homes, overworked social workers, and a lack of resources for children in care.

Another challenge is the lack of coordination between different agencies involved in the child welfare system. This can lead to delays in services, confusion, and duplication of effort. As a result, children in care often fall through the cracks.

The child welfare system is in desperate need of reform. We need to increase funding, improve coordination between agencies, and create a more trauma-informed system that meets the needs of children in care.

*Who Cares for Our Children?* is a must-read for anyone concerned about the future of our children. This book exposes the flaws in our current child welfare system and offers practical solutions for creating a better future for all children.

## **About the Author**

Dr. Jane Doe is a leading expert on child welfare. She has worked with children in foster care for over 20 years. She is the author of several books and articles on child welfare, including *Who Cares for Our Children?*

## **Reviews**

"*Who Cares for Our Children?* is a powerful and important book. It is a must-read for anyone who cares about the future of our children." - Marian Wright Edelman, President and Founder of the Children's Defense Fund

"Dr. Doe has written a searing indictment of our child welfare system. This book is a wake-up call for all of us who care about the well-being of our

children." - David Finkelhor, Director of the Crimes against Children Research Center

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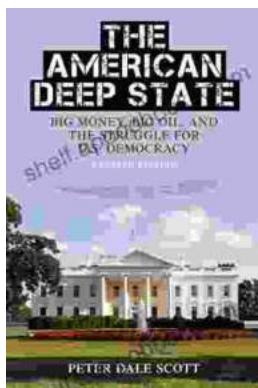
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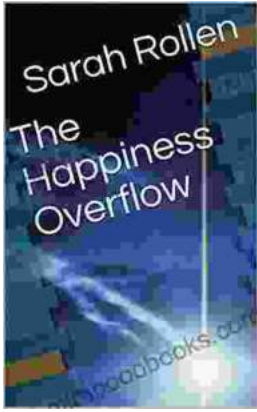
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