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For the Sake of Our Children

A powerful description of a life led respecting and trusting children

From the naturalness of home birth and breastfeeding, through learning by living and working together on a small farm and in a natural food store, author Léandre Bergeron's passionate ruminations about his philosophies of natural parenting and unschooling are woven throughout a series of journal entries describing the daily life of his family of three unschooled teens. The result is an inspiring, warm, sometimes funny, always wise memoir from a father who has tried to change society and its institutions for much of his 75 years.

In his foreword, author John Taylor Gatto writes, "This is a profoundly revolutionary narrative." And, indeed, Bergeron provides both rationale for and proof of the wisdom of choosing a path that is so little trod upon in our world – the path of respect for our children, of trust in them and belief in their ability to regulate and educate themselves with the help and encouragement of a community of respectful adult mentors.

About Unschooling

Some progressive parents are dissatisfied with not just the problematic particulars of contemporary public schools (high stakes testing, classism, bullying and other violence, etc.) but also with the current mainstream educational model in general. They are the forefront of education change, choosing to help their children learn without school. Unschoolers do not believe in separating learning or learners from society at large, nor do they believe that compulsory teaching produces real learning or approve of the need to institutionalize children. Although often thought to be a subset of the homeschooling community, unschoolers are passionately involved in their communities and dedicated to creating profound and progressive change in the way society views childhood, parenting and education.

About the Author

Léandre Bergeron is a well-known author and activist. He studied in France and taught literature at Concordia University in Montreal before moving to the countryside with his wife Francine to live a life of voluntary simplicity. His many works range from a guide to home birth to the well-known *Dictionnaire de la langue québécoise* and the best-seller *Petit Manuel d'histoire du Québec*. He has long advocated for educational, political and social reform.

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