

The book was found

Inventing Modern Adolescence: The Children Of Immigrants In Turn-of-the-Century America (Rutgers Series In Childhood Studies)



Synopsis

The 1960s are commonly considered to be the beginning of a distinct "teenage culture" in America. But did this highly visible era of free love and rock 'n' roll really mark the start of adolescent defiance? In *Inventing Modern Adolescence* Sarah E. Chinn follows the roots of American teenage identity further back, to the end of the nineteenth and beginning of the twentieth centuries. She argues that the concept of the "generation gap"â€”a stereotypical complaint against American teensâ€”actually originated with the division between immigrant parents and their American-born or -raised children. Melding a uniquely urban immigrant sensibility with commercialized consumer culture and a youth-oriented ethos characterized by fun, leisure, and overt sexual behavior, these young people formed a new identity that provided the framework for today's concepts of teenage lifestyle. Addressing the intersecting issues of urban life, race, gender, sexuality, and class consciousness, *Inventing Modern Adolescence* is an authoritative and engaging look at a pivotal point in American history and the intriguing, complicated, and still very pertinent teenage identity that emerged from it.

Book Information

Series: Rutgers Series in Childhood Studies

Paperback: 216 pages

Publisher: Rutgers University Press (November 5, 2008)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 081354310X

ISBN-13: 978-0813543109

Product Dimensions: 5.9 x 0.6 x 8.8 inches

Shipping Weight: 10.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 starsÂ Â See all reviewsÂ (1 customer review)

Best Sellers Rank: #644,459 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #373 inÂ Books > History >

Americas > United States > Immigrants #589 inÂ Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Social

Sciences > Children's Studies #913 inÂ Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Social Sciences >

Emigration & Immigration

Customer Reviews

Chinn's argument, that early 20th century immigrant youth were the first teenagers (conceptualized as having disposable income and out of control desires) is the kind of "wow, why didn't anyone think of that before?" that can completely change your way of thinking about history. On top of that, Chinn

is a clear and engaging writer. Great book!

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Inventing Modern Adolescence: The Children of Immigrants in Turn-of-the-Century America
(Rutgers Series in Childhood Studies) Inventing Arguments (Inventing Arguments Series) Inventing
Arguments, Brief (Inventing Arguments Series) Childhood and Adolescence: Voyages in
Development Understanding the Arts and Creative Sector in the United States (Rutgers Series: The
Public Life of the Arts) The Transplanted: A History of Immigrants in Urban America
(Interdisciplinary Studies in History) Chinese Immigrants in America: An Interactive History
Adventure (You Choose Books series) (You Choose: History) The Leadership GPS: Your Turn by
Turn Guide to Becoming a Successful Leader and Changing Lives Along the Way We Too Sing
America: South Asian, Arab, Muslim, and Sikh Immigrants Shape Our Multiracial Future Working
Toward Whiteness: How America's Immigrants Became White: The Strange Journey from Ellis
Island to the Suburbs The Slums of Aspen: Immigrants vs. the Environment in America's Eden
(Nation of Nations) Polish Immigrants: 1890-1920 (Coming to America) German Immigrants,
1820-1920 (Coming to America) Age of Opportunity: Lessons from the New Science of
Adolescence The Hormone Solution: Naturally Alleviate Symptoms of Hormone Imbalance from
Adolescence Through Menopause Language Disorders from Infancy through Adolescence:
Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing, and Communicating, 4e A Child's World: Infancy Through
Adolescence Child Development From Infancy to Adolescence: An Active Learning Approach
Preparing for Adolescence: How to Survive the Coming Years of Change Preparing for
Adolescence

[Dmca](#)