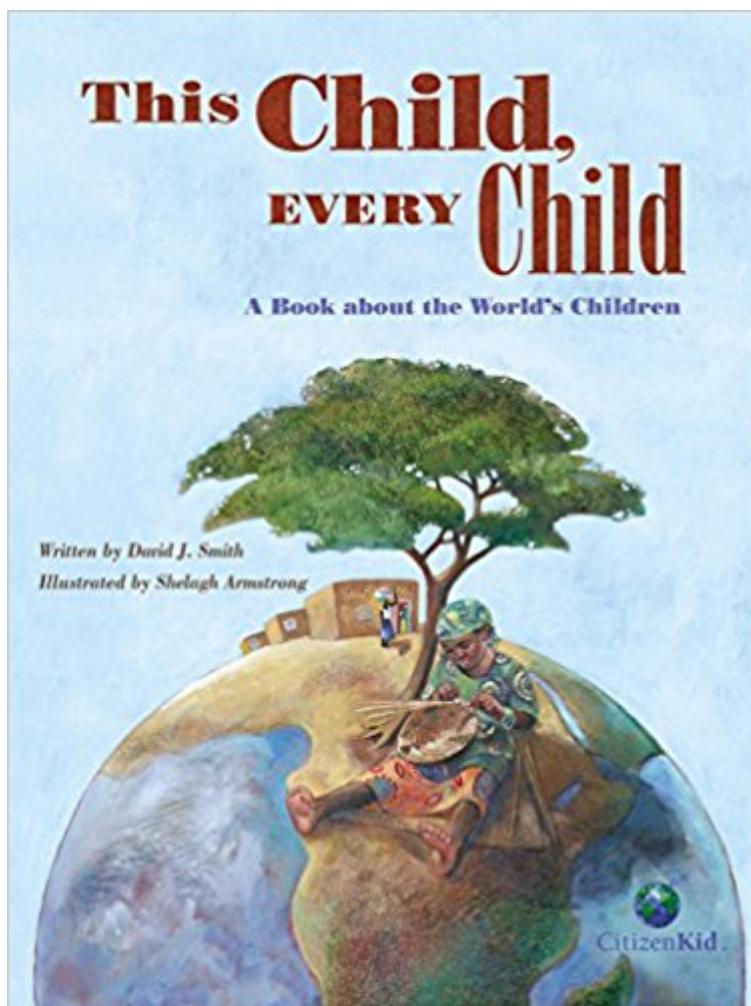


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# This Child, Every Child: A Book About The World's Children (CitizenKid)



## **Synopsis**

A groundbreaking book of statistics and stories that compare the lives of children around the world today. Every second of every day, four more children are added to the world's population of over 2.2 billion children. Some of these 2.2 billion children will be cared for and have enough to eat and a place to call home. Many others will not be so fortunate. The bestselling author-illustrator team behind the phenomenal *If the World Were a Village* and *If America Were a Village* return with a revealing and beautifully illustrated glimpse into the lives of children around the world. *This Child, Every Child* uses statistics and stories to draw kids into the world beyond their own borders and provide a window into the lives of their fellow children. As young readers will discover, there are striking disparities in the way children live. Some children lack opportunities that others take for granted. What is it like to be a girl in Niger? How are some children forced into war? How do children around the world differ in their home and school lives? *This Child, Every Child* answers such questions and sets children's lives against the rights they are guaranteed under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

... reinforcing the universal nature of children's needs. •Publishers Weekly

David J. Smith is a teacher and educational consultant with over 25 years of experience in the classroom and is the creator of the award-winning curriculum "Mapping the World by Heart." Shelagh Armstrong is a freelance commercial artist who has designed adult book covers, stamps and commemorative coins. *If the World Were a Village* was her first children's book. She lives in Toronto, Ontario.

I was unaware of the "UN Convention on the Rights of the Child" until I saw David Smith's latest book *This Child, Every Child*. This book is not only an intriguing read for children and adults, but is also a great introduction to the UN document. It has cover endorsements from UNICEF and from the Canadian NGO, Onexone. David Smith puts a face on specific situations in a way that will help both children and adults understand the heart breaking problems of many children in the world, and also some solutions. Smith has chosen twelve of the Articles of the UN Convention and has developed wonderful verbal pictures of the situations of typical children in places like Yemen, India, Mali and Iran. For example, he writes of a nine year old boy in Guatemala who works in a fireworks factory, one of the estimated 18 million children under age 14 who work in Latin America. He also contrasts these with the descriptions of children in the developed world such as England, the US, and Australia. Along the way he enriches the text with up-to-date statistics, such as the number of homeless children in the world (100 million!) and the extent that children are part of rebel armies (about 300,000). Shelagh Armstrong's illustrations are powerful. The depiction of the boy-soldier on page 29 is breathtaking, but every page is illustrated to appeal to young and old alike. I can imagine my reading this to a 4th grade nephew while he looks at the pictures, although it certainly is readable by upper elementary school children. The last section on "Learning More" will be of practical interest to parents and teachers, allowing them to continue to help the children in their lives understand the world. Like Smith's earlier books (*If the World Were a Village* and *If America Were a Village*), this latest work is both educational and inspirational. As a lifelong teacher and school administrator, I hope every school library, classroom, and even every home will have a copy. My only suggestion for future editions: a world map, perhaps on the inside covers with the various mentioned countries labeled, would be a great addition. I'm quite sure that many readers will not know where Yemen is located, much less Azerbaijan. Meanwhile, I recommend having a globe nearby. Like David Smith's other books, I'm quite sure that this will be reprinted in many languages and will become a classic.

Bought these for my children's school. The illustrations and explanations are beautiful and not too heavy-handed. However, they are not something to just hand to a child for them to read themselves. They definitely need the context that an adult would provide. Many of the concepts could be down-right scary for a child--kids as soldiers, killing other kids; kids without enough food or clean water; dying of disease. Hard things for even an adult to grasp at times.

Great item! Quick shipping!

This was a book I had read about and was interested in learning more about world children. In America, we do not always see what travelers of the world see.

David J. Smith is a former geography teacher whose materials I used when I was teaching; they were always imaginative and accurate. This is his third book and my young grandchildren have enjoyed them all. "If The World Were a Village" and "If America Were a Village" presented vivid and often surprising statistical snapshots of the world and the United States. "This Child, Every Child" describes the varied lives of children around the world and doesn't flinch at showing the disparities. The book is based on the "United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child" but Smith has done a great job turning official terminology into a book of stories that are interesting and certainly eye-opening. My grandchildren loved it! From the opening illustration of children holding hands around the world to the final pages of projects suitable for young people, complete with websites and print sources, they were fascinated. It's a wonderful book for families to read together and to discuss. Smith believes that children need to know that change is possible, and that even they have a power to create positive changes in the world. This unusual and interesting book is a great place for them to start.

Did you know that some kids live on boats in Hong Kong? And that some kids are forced into war at a very early age? Did you know that some girls can't attend school? This Child, Every Child brings to light the fact that not everyone lives like we do. Children all over the world are alike in many ways, but very different in others. Some of these differences are only surface-level, of course, but many of them are quite important to understand. Kids are introduced to the realities of human trafficking, child labor, malnutrition, child soldiers, and gender issues, but in a way that is very introductory and child-appropriate.

A sobering yet hopeful look at the circumstances of children around the world. This book is an excellent resource for classrooms and homeschools. You will find topics listed in the back of the book to launch discussions that will really carry home the reality of living conditions many children have to accept. The rights children have, as set forth by the United Nations, are listed in conjunction with stories of children around the world. I can't think of a better and more insightful way to involve children in their own story and give them a voice they can develop over their lifetime to help other children. - Biblio Reads Children's Book Review

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