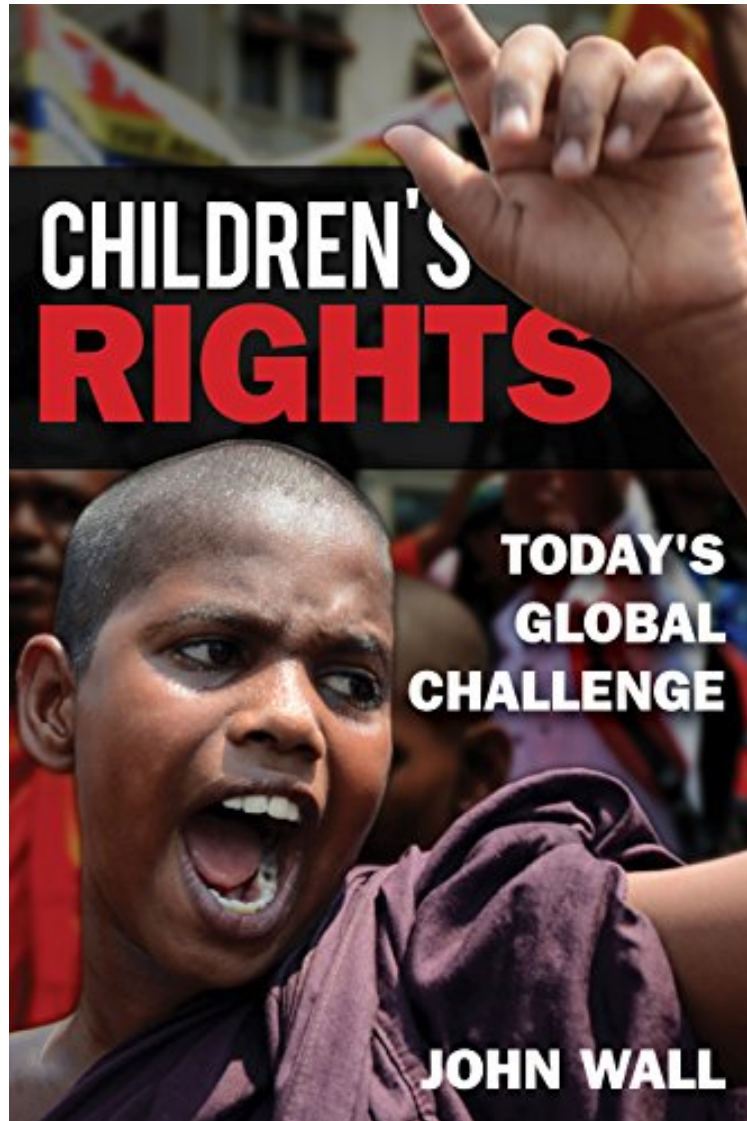


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and practical complexity. In the process, the book examines key controversies about globalization, cultural relativism, social justice, power, economics, politics, freedom, ageism, and more. Combining vivid examples with cutting-edge scholarship, *Childrens Rights: Todays Global Challenge* lifts up the rights of the youngest third of humanity as the major human rights challenge of the twenty-first century.

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