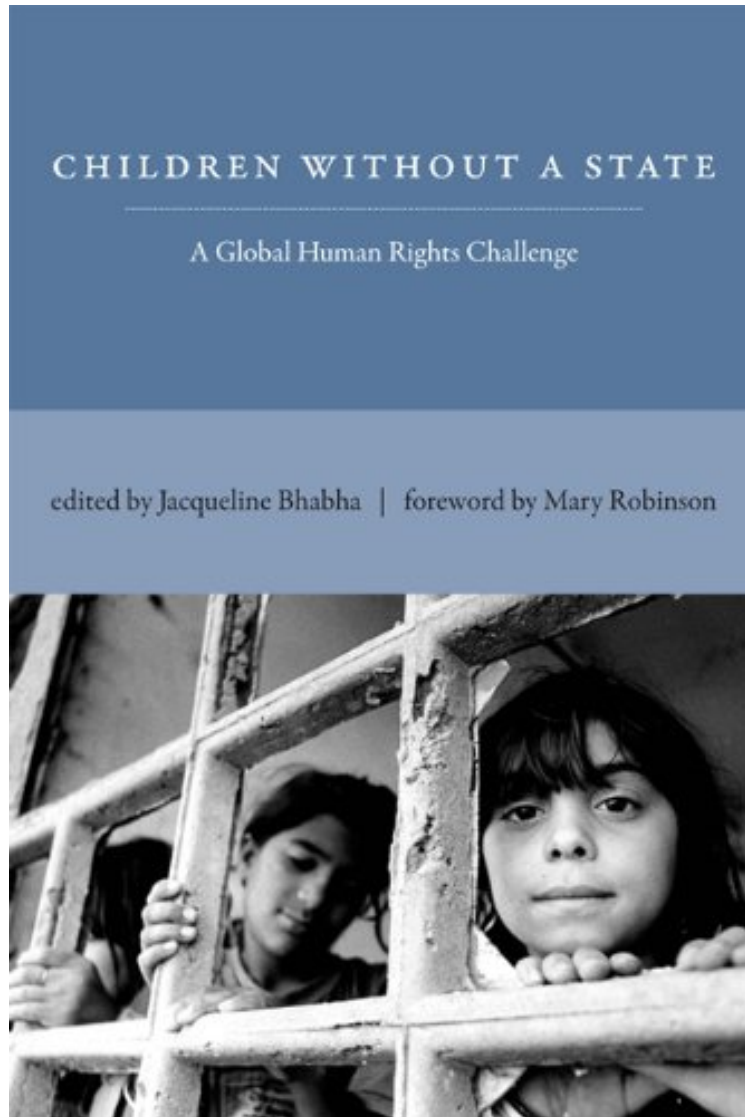


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The first book to address children's statelessness and lack of legal status as a human rights issue. Children are among the most vulnerable citizens of the world, with a special need for the protections, rights, and services offered by states. And yet children are particularly at risk from statelessness. Thirty-six percent of all births in the world are not registered, leaving more than forty-eight million children under the age of five with no legal identity and no formal claim on any state. Millions of other children are born stateless or become undocumented as a result of migration. *Children Without a State* is the first book to examine how statelessness affects children throughout the world, examining this largely unexplored problem from a human rights perspective. The human rights repercussions explored range from dramatic abuses (detention and deportation) to social marginalization (lack of access to education and health care). The book provides a variety of examples, including chapters on Palestinian children in Israel, undocumented young people seeking higher education in the United States, unaccompanied child migrants in Spain, Roma children in Italy, irregular internal child migrants in China, and children in mixed legal/illegal families in the United States.

This collection will not only make valuable contributions to the policy making that improves the straitened environment of stateless children, but will also be of great interest to policy makers, human rights advocates and scholars of human rights and international relations. (Political Studies) *Children Without a State* is unique in combining scholarship on child rights with scholarship on immigration, citizenship, and statelessness. The book does an excellent job of moving from largely academic, theoretical, and legal frameworks to an examination of the situation on the ground. (Susan F. Martin, Donald G. Hertzberg Chair in International Migration, and Director, Institute for the Study of International Migration, Georgetown University) The essays in this book speak to an urgent issue that is sadly overlooked in scholarly and policy discourses about citizenship and immigration rights: the rights of children who are legally or effectively stateless. As dependent legal subjects, children are the most vulnerable amongst us and hence have the greatest need of state protection. The book's scope is impressive, with discussion of state practices and their consequences within industrialized and developing countries and under conditions of global, regional, and internal migrations. (Mae M. Ngai, Professor of History and Lung Family Professor of Asian American Studies, Columbia University) This is an important and timely volume that will add significantly to the existing literature on migration and citizenship law. Childhood marks a status of less-than-full membership that renders individuals vulnerable as a matter of law and social practice in relation to adults. This is the first book-length study that systematically analyzes the interface between national status vulnerability and childhood. (Linda Bosniak, School of Law, Rutgers University, and author of *The Citizen and the Alien: Dilemmas of Contemporary Membership*) About the Author Jacqueline Bhabha is Jeremiah Smith, Jr., Lecturer at Harvard Law School, Director of Research at Francois-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights, Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy at Harvard Kennedy School, and Harvard University Adviser to the Provost on Human Rights Education. She is the coauthor of *Seeking Asylum Alone: Unaccompanied and Separated Children and Refugee Protection*.