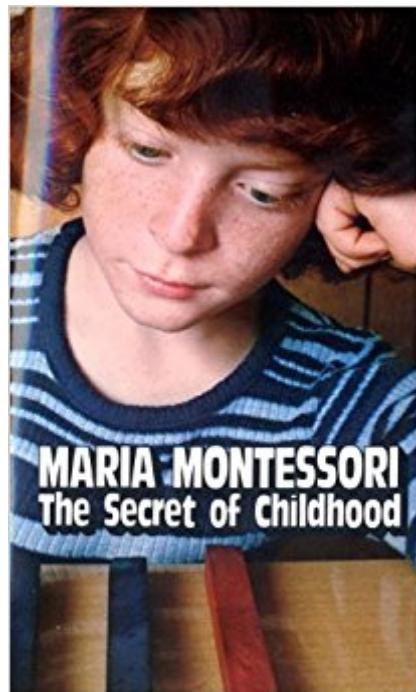


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Synopsis

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If you care about the life of children, or you are an educator, or a parent of little ones, you owe it to yourself to know about Maria Montessori. She pioneered early childhood education in the late 1800s. She was Italy's first female MD. She discovered then what we know scientifically now: that children do most of their key development from birth through age 5. And that sets the foundation for learning and success for the rest of their lives. I went to a Montessori preschool and my mom had early learning materials at home. I could read and do my times tables before I started kindergarten. I'm not unique; I just had the right experience. It's a small book and a fascinating read. This is just one of several she wrote. Clearly, I'm a fan :o)

I find Dr. Montessori to be a very interesting person. Being she studied her work years ago, well before attention was given to the child, this book was very amazing to me. I enjoyed reading her perspective on children and observing how life has changed so much. I think for me, one of my favorite parts of her writing is she did not have to be politically correct. Montessori wrote what she felt and observed. The rest is up to the reader. I will point out this is a dry read. One based off of facts and observations. Overall I did learn a lot of Maria Montessori. I know it has changed my outlook on children and will influence the way I go about education. A long difficult read, but one well worth it.

If you have the option to read this edition or none, then this is definitely worth it. But if given the choice between this translation and the one formally published by the Kaleshetra (I don't think that's spelled correctly) company, this is definitely a more watered-down version. Montessori was a very powerful voice, and this is a bit "softer".

I wish I'd read this before my child was born. Maria Montessori was so far ahead of her time it is astounding. There are no words to describe how timely and important for you to read this book. It has changed the way I see myself, my child and the world. It is in my Top 3 for life changing books. You must get this book and read it. You will not be disappointed and you will come away from this book with a fresh appreciation and perspective of children and why the Montessori method is so timely right now and why it will ALWAYS be :)

the book is too small

A reminder of what the Montessori Method should look like in a school. Also, provides a reminder to

parents (and in my case grandparents) to remember the wonder of a child's ability to discover the wonders of nature.

It was a used book (not clear when bought) and the quality of it was very poor.

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