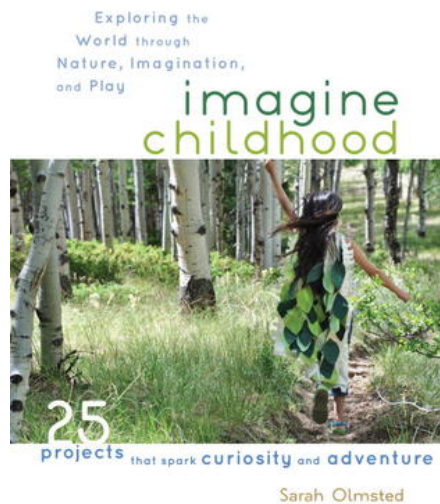




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For children, potential is limitless, curiosity is an electrical current, and every moment is open to the possibility of the unexpected. Day-to-day life is filled with adventure. Road blocks are invitations to try new routes. And the world is vast and expansive. This book is a celebration of childhood through the crafts and activities that invite wonder and play. The twenty-five projects and activities in this book are meant to speak to the way children engage with the world. These projects are not about what is produced in the end (although that part is fun too) but rather they are stepping-off points—activities that spark curiosity, an adventure, or an investigation. They're about the process of getting there. They're about the conversations that happen while making things together. They're about getting to know the world inch by inch. They're about exploring imaginary universes and running through real forests. They're about living in childhood . . . regardless of your actual age. They're about being a kid.

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Ashlee says

I read a ton of non-fiction, homeschooling and parenting books. This is probably my new favorite. She's written it in such a way that you can open it up and be fully immersed in any section. There's a few redundancies in writing because of this, but I find it worth it. My 6 year old and I went through and read each activity, and some of the background, and then, I read it cover to cover. I will definitely reference this book often, and it'll stay in our library for a long time. Many of the projects have alternatives, that will allow you to make a more (or less) intricate project, and they are open ended and multi-use. I have added many of these projects to our to-do list for the future. I look forward to doing them with my 4 & 6 year olds. Full review: <http://www.penbookandswing.com/?p=40>

Aili says

This book was fine, if a little twee. Some of the projects described look interesting, but none of them were particularly groundbreaking. This book is very much part of a tradition of idealizations of children that I find a bit frustrating.

Aaron says

This book is a great add to any parents collection but especially if you are homeschooling. The book is filled with clever games and projects but it was her approach to the activities that I was most impressed with in this book. She strongly emphasizes that these are launching off points to larger adventures your child can lead you towards and encourages you to embrace the process instead of focusing on the end result along. This attitude is exactly what I look for in parenting books of any kind. I will definitely be recommending this book!

maddi1134 says

A bit fluffy and redundant in its discussions on childhood imagination, but the activities are really great! I would recommend to any parent seeking to boost imaginative fun with their kiddo(s).
