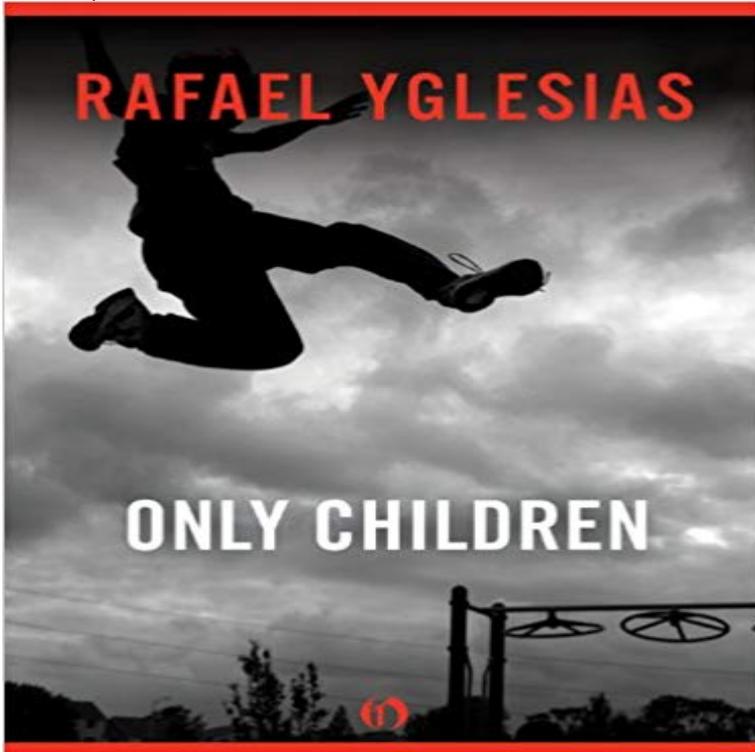


Only Children



A loving satire of new parenthood and its attendant joys and blunders from a master of contemporary American fiction. The Golds and the Hummels live in the same wealthy Manhattan neighborhood, but as both couples prepare for the arrival of their first child, they share little in terms of parenting philosophy. The Golds plunge into natural birth without bothering to first set up a nursery. The Hummels schedule a C-section and fill out hospital admissions paperwork weeks in advance. Both couples, however, are grappling with the transformations they know parenthood will immediately bring. Set in a milieu of material excess and limitless ambition, *Only Children* skewers new parents who expect perfect lives, but also offers an intimate look at the trials all new parents face as they learn how to nurture. This ebook features a new illustrated biography of Rafael Yglesias, including rare photos and never-before-seen documents from the author's personal collection.

According to sociologist Susan Newman's new book, *The Case for the Only Child*, stopping at one child can be a difficult decision but it's also becoming a presenter. Mim Shaikh investigates whether only children have certain traits. Because they say, only children are spoiled children. This is absolutely wrong! We are not spoiled, if we get more attention from our parents then it doesn't mean that. A study has found that children who grow up without siblings are likely to have a different brain structure than those who do. Only children are. Parents of only children by choice are sometimes seen as selfish for not giving their son or daughter a sibling, or are told they're putting all their. For some reason, when by choice or circumstance parents have an only child, that child and that child's upbringing can be subject to a lot of negative social. Growing up as an only child can be hard. People think you are a spoiled rotten brat, but in reality, you are a mature, intelligent and imaginative person. Fifty years ago, when only children represented just 10 percent of all kids under age 18, onlies were often thought of as lonely, spoiled, and socially inept. Still, like many parents of only children, I wondered if I was doing him a disservice. Would he be lonely? Antisocial? Too precocious to connect. Only children are used to hearing that they never learned to share or were spoiled by their parents. How many children do you hope to have? For some families, one is the magic number. So! We asked nine parents about having only children. Only children are used to hearing that they never learned to share or were spoiled by their parents.