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Foreword

It is hard to imagine anyone better qualified to write this book than Gwen Dunn. Writer, broadcaster, member of the I.B.A.'s Educational Advisory Council and of the General Advisory Council of the B.B.C., Mrs Dunn is also a supremely gifted teacher who, as headmistress of a village school in Suffolk, devotes her life to the interests and well-being of young children.

Her book is the outcome of an I.B.A. Fellowship at the University of East Anglia during 1973, a year spent largely in visiting homes, schools and play groups, and interviewing hundreds of parents, teachers, television producers and, most of all, children. Unlike many works of academic provenance, this study offers few statistics, and its conclusions are presented with a total lack of jargon and dogmatism. The great value of Mrs Dunn's work to all those concerned with or about the television young children see lies in the warmth, humour and practical wisdom that Mrs Dunn brings to her vital theme.

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