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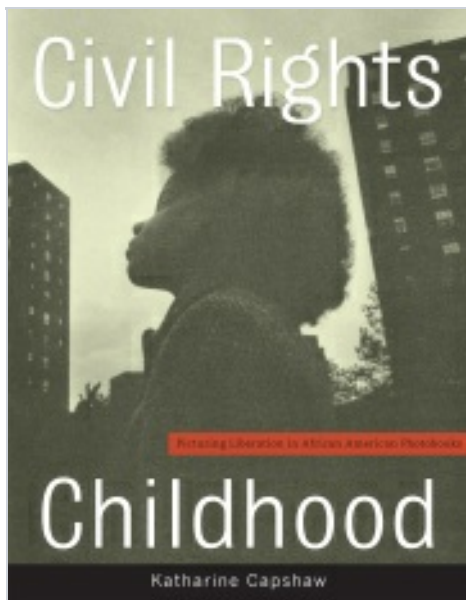


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### SUMMARY

Childhood joy, pleasure, and creativity are not often associated with the civil rights movement. Their ties to the movement may have faded from historical memory, but these qualities received considerable photographic attention in that tumultuous era. Katharine Capshaw's *Civil Rights Childhood* reveals how the black child has been—and continues to be—a social agent that demands change.

Because children carry a compelling aura of human value and potential, images of African American children in the wake of *Brown v. Board of Education* had a powerful effect on the fight for civil rights. In the iconography of Emmett Till and the girls murdered in the 1963 Birmingham church bombings. Capshaw explores the function of

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