



Child Soldiers in the Western Imagination: From Patriots to Victims (Hardback)

By David M. Rosen

Rutgers University Press, United States, 2015. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. When we hear the term child soldiers , most Americans imagine innocent victims roped into bloody conflicts in distant war-torn lands like Sudan and Sierra Leone. Yet our own history is filled with examples of children involved in warfare - from adolescent prisoner of war Andrew Jackson to Civil War drummer boys - who were once viewed as symbols of national pride rather than signs of human degradation. In this daring new study, anthropologist David M. Rosen investigates why our cultural perception of the child soldier has changed so radically over the past two centuries. Child Soldiers in the Western Imagination reveals how Western conceptions of childhood as a uniquely vulnerable and innocent state are a relatively recent invention. Furthermore, Rosen offers an illuminating history of how human rights organizations drew upon these sentiments to create the very term child soldier , which they presented as the embodiment of war s human cost. Filled with shocking historical accounts and facts - and revealing the reasons why one cannot spell infantry without infant - Child Soldiers in the Western Imagination seeks to shake us out of our...



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