How can children grow to realize their inherent rights and respect the rights of others? In this book, authors Jonathan Todres and Sarah Higinbotham explore this question through both human rights law and children's literature. Both international and domestic law affirm that children have rights, but how are these norms disseminated so that they make a difference in children's lives? Todres, whose research focuses on a range of issues related to children's rights and child well-being, including child trafficking and exploitation, economic and social rights, and legal and cultural constructs of childhood, will discuss how children grow to realize their inherent rights and to respect the rights of others, and how human rights norms are disseminated so that they make a difference in children's lives.

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Abstract
In Human Rights in Children's Literature (Oxford University Press, 2016), authors Jonathan Todres and Sarah Higinbotham investigate children's rights under international law -- identity and family rights, the right to be heard, the right to be free from discrimination, and other civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights -- and consider the way in which those rights are embedded in children's literature from Peter Rabbit to Horton Hears a Who! to Harry Potter. This book traverses children's rights law, literary theory, and human rights education to argue that in order for children to fully realize their human rights, they first have to imagine and understand them.

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