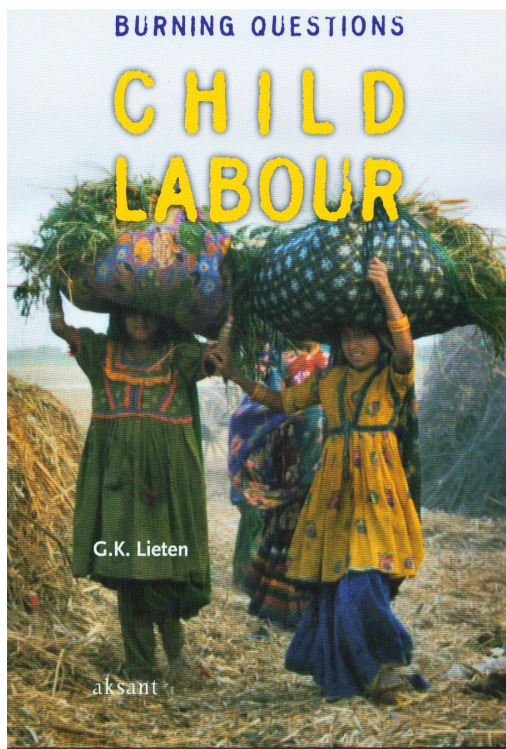


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The objectives of the world-wide movement against (the worst forms of) child labour seem simple and laudable but the issues involved are very complex. What actually is child labour, and what is childhood? How many child labourers are there in the world? Is child labour restricted to developing countries or is it frequently used to stigmatise the non-western world and to impose trade sanctions? Is regulation of labour conditions the solution or should governments and civil society opt for a radical ban? Is there a role for corporate social responsibility?



It is argued that much more research is needed and that particular care should be taken to learn from the children on how they view the world and what they think of work, labour and education.

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