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"Historically, developmental psychologists have tended to focus on the effects of understimulation and certain types of deprivation on child development. More recently, researchers have shifted their attention to the deleterious effects of overstimulation or "chaos" in children's environment. Chaos refers to physical and social settings characterized by crowding, noise, unpredictability or a lack of routines, and instability or unplanned changes. This book is an important first step in exploring how, why, and at what level, chaos at the familial and societal level affects children. The contributors to the volume honor the work of Urie Bronfenbrenner, whose bioecological theory of human development provides a rich conceptual basis for understanding the impact of environmental chaos. The theory permits study at what Bronfenbrenner called the "microsystem" level (family, school, and day care), as well as at higher-order levels that include parents' work environments, the child's local neighborhood, and his or her cultural milieu. Within this framework, the role of individual characteristics and other moderating and mediating mechanisms can be fruitfully explored, as well as how chaos relates to poverty and culture. These elements are explored both as independent influences and collective, interrelated influences. The topics explored in this book will be thought provoking for developmental scientists interested in the study of environmental contributions to development, as well as practitioners and policymakers interested in promoting children's healthy development"--Jacket. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2010 APA, all rights reserved)

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