



## Imagination and Children s Reading (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Excerpt from Imagination and Children s Reading What is it people lose when they grow up? Simplicity and insight. They get wise with so many little details called facts that they lose the broad view. It s like getting into a fog. If we once realize how children see things, we can never patronize them again. They see colors invisible to us, contours we have forgotten. I don t mean to be sentimental about children, I want to be just. But I do believe that beauty is often real to them when we cannot see it, because they have not yet had time to get tired of anything. They are not afraid to put incongruous things together. They adore the whimsical, the grotesque even. Being ignorant of science, philosophy, tradition, they have an unspoiled directness of observation and fearlessness of expression. They have sympathies and intuitions which only certain poets, among grown-ups, can share; William Blake and Robert Burns, for example. Periods and dates do not matter much to poets, nor to children. They do not care...



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