

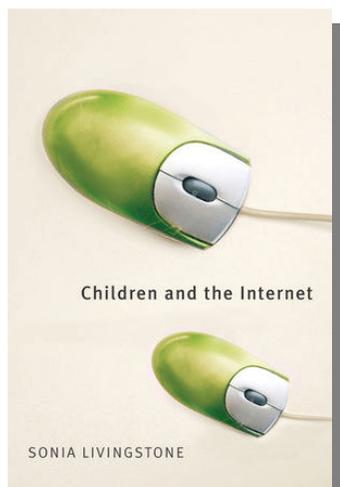
# Children and the Internet

Great Expectations, Changing Realities

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- Major new contribution to the hot topic of children and internet from one of the world's leading researchers in this area.
- Considers children's everyday practices of internet use in relation to the complex socio-cultural conditions of contemporary childhood.
- Presents original research whilst also surveying the rich body of literature that defines this field.
- Concludes with a forward-looking framework for policy and regulation designed to advance children's rights both on- and offline.

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- Learning and literacy
- Peer networking and privacy
- Civic participation
- Risk and harm

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