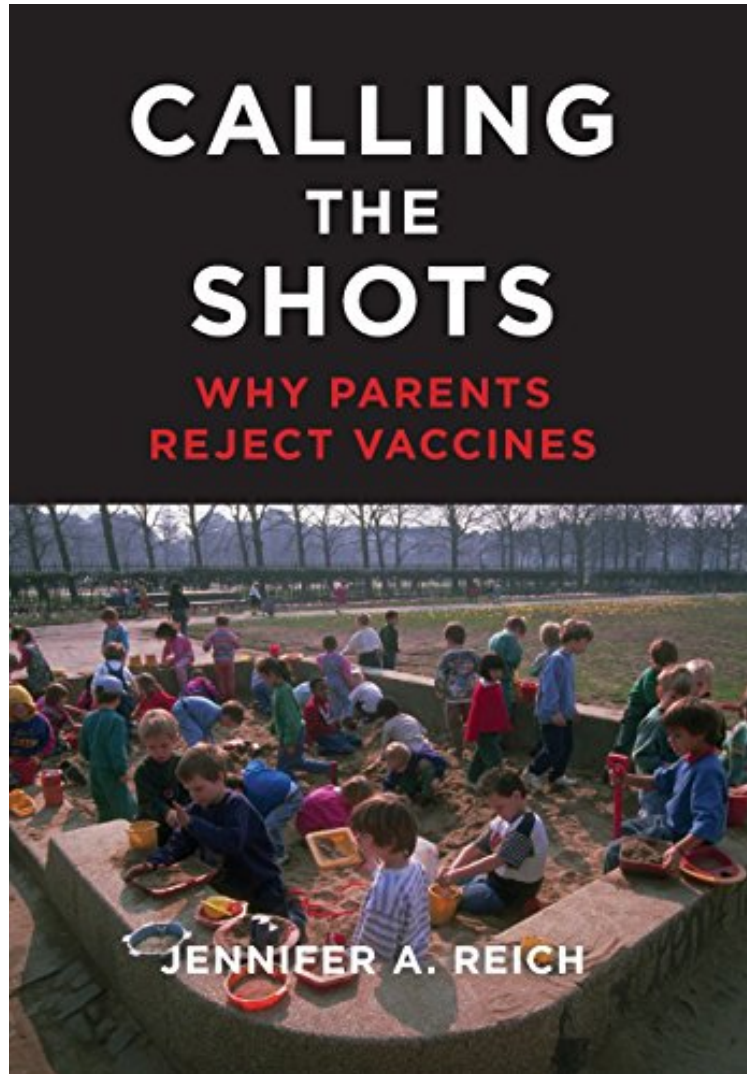


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Risk is one of the operative words central to sociologist Jennifer Reich's remarkably calm book on current vaccination practices in North America. Risk is what parents, paediatricians and policymakers must evaluate in their roles as caregivers, primary-care doctors and advisers The group of parents Reich interviewed over a 10-year period that has informed this book are the university-educated uber-moms who favour organic food and have a tendency to avoid gluten and dairy products The doctors Reich interviewed recognise that some vaccination is better than none and that being patronising, bossy or confrontational is not in the best interest of the child or the wider community. It is a stance Reich shares. -Times Higher Education In this gripping book, Reich illuminates the processes through which (mostly affluent) parents reject vaccines. The book impressively situates these anti-vaccine parents in a broader context. Reich carefully documents how a range of organizations including medical offices, drug companies, and child protective services are all players in this social drama. Reich's concept of individualistic parenting is valuable. Since parents' decisions can have dire consequences for other children, the book is not only interesting, but it is of enormous social significance. Highly recommended! -Annette Lareau, author of *Unequal Childhoods: Class, Race, and Family Life* "Recent outbreaks of preventable diseases such as measles and whooping cough are focusing attention on this issue, making Reich's able contribution especially pertinent." -Kirkus s Calling the Shots treads confidently into the explosive terrain of vaccine refusal. In this must-read exploration of the burdens of modern mothering, Reich takes seriously the desires of mothers to make their own decisions to protect their children from risks. But she also shows how anti-vaccine stances by the privileged few may undermine the social compact and threaten the public good. This is a well-written, important, and very timely book. -Steven Epstein, author of *Inclusion: The Politics of Difference in Medical Research* Calling the Shots is intellectually rigorous and politically engaged scholarship of the highest quality. Jennifer Reich illuminates the attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors surrounding childhood immunization, one of the most important and contested public health policy issues of our day. Debates about vaccine refusal have too often been marked by over-simplification and unfounded assumptions, and Reich's thorough, meticulous analysis provides a much-needed corrective. -James Colgrove, author of *State of Immunity: The Politics of Vaccination in Twentieth-Century America* About the Author Jennifer Reich is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Colorado, Denver. Her publications include the award-winning book *Fixing Families: Parents, Power, and the Child Welfare System*.