



Savage Park: A Meditation on Play, Space, and Risk for Americans Who Are Nervous

By Fusselman, Amy.

Houghton Mifflin. 1 Cloth(s), 2015. hard. Book Condition: New. On a visit to Tokyo with her family, Amy Fusselman stumbled onto a Hanegi playpark, where children saw wood, hammer nails, string hammocks to trees, and build open fires. When she returned to New York, her conceptions of space, risk, and fear had completely changed. Fusselman author of *The Pharmacist's Mate* and the "Family Practice" parenting column for *McSweeney's Internet Tendency* invites us along on her tightrope-walking expeditions with Philippe Petit and late night adventures with the Tokyo park-workers. Part memoir, part manifesto, her exploration of the underside of America's obsession with safety is a fresh, poetic reconsideration of supposedly protective behaviors in our culture that instead make us numb and encourage us to sleepwalk through our lives. "Amy Fusselman writes with a unique depth of feeling, and *Savage Park* is a fascinating and daresay essential meditation on childhood, parenthood, and the importance of wild spaces for those wild creatures known as kids." Dave Eggers "Fusselman's mind is a playground in and of itself. [Her] prose has a spare, clean elegance that can carry a knife-like precision." SF Chronicle 135.



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