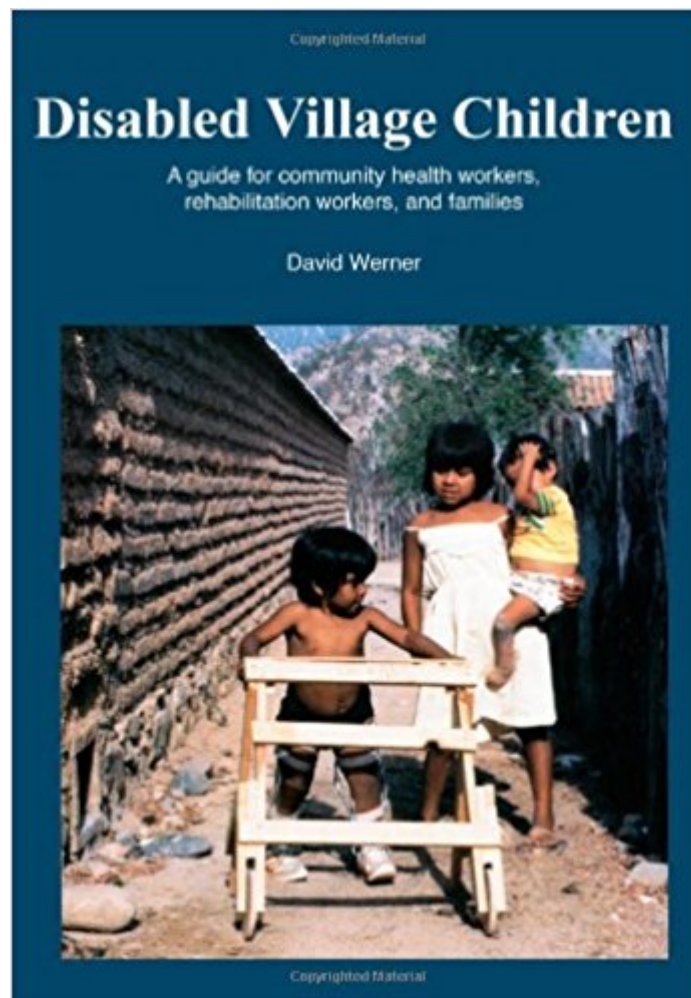




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Disabled Village Children: A Guide For Community Health Workers, Rehabilitation Workers, And Families



Synopsis

This 2009 updated reprint of *Disabled Village Children* features topics including identifying primary and secondary disabilities, skills for daily living, polio, cerebral palsy, juvenile arthritis, and muscular dystrophy, fun and useful therapy techniques, and low-cost rehabilitation aids and adaptations for home and community. All Hesperian books are regularly updated and reprinted to reflect accurate medical information. *Disabled Village Children* contains a wealth of clear and detailed information, as well as easy-to-implement strategies for all who are concerned about the well-being of children with disabilities. This manual, written especially for those who live in communities with limited resources, explains how to create small community rehabilitation centers and workshops run by either disabled people or the families of children with disabilities. More than 4000 drawings and 200 photos make *Disabled Village Children* understandable to all.

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Customer Reviews

At the Center on Disability Studies at the University of Hawaii, we use *Disabled Village Children* to teach teachers and family members how to support the related services needs of children with severe disabilities... The book works well for us because it supports simple English with wonderful drawings. Everyone whom we train speaks English as a second language, and everyone appreciates the pictures that illustrate the written concepts. The book clearly explains the most common disabilities and provides good examples of interventions that can be done using locally

available materials. We have made wooden and PVC equipment adapted from designs in the book, and used many of the ideas in the book to support the needs of children on very remote islands. The ideas are creative and address basic needs of children with disabilities all over the world.

--Katherine Ratliffe, PhD, PT. , Center on Disability Studies, University of Hawaii
 Disabled Village Children is a powerful, engaging, and readable reference for (developing world) health and rehabilitation workers. It provides ideas and techniques relevant for the novice and the veteran, as well as for the interested observer... The power of Disabled Village Children derives from its simplicity as well as from its recurring theme of a "bottom-up" approach to health and rehabilitation in rural communities.

--Marc Krizack, Rehabilitation Consciousness
 Disabled Village Children is the benchmark manual on community-based rehabilitation... (Hesperian's) new series of books on early intervention for children with disabilities are beautiful as well as extremely useful.

--US Agency for International Development

David Werner was a co-founder of the Hesperian Foundation, and is currently co-founder and director of HealthWrights, and a visiting professor at Boston University International School of Public Health. A biologist and educator by training, he has worked as a health activist for the past 40 years in village health care, community-based rehabilitation, and "Child-to-Child" health initiatives in the Third World, mainly Mexico. Werner has worked in more than 50 countries helping to facilitate health workshops and training programs, and has been a consultant for UNICEF, WHO, UNDP, and the Peace Corps. He has received awards and/or fellowships from the World Health Organization, the American Pediatric Association, the American Medical Writers Association, and the MacArthur Foundation.

It was far more comprehensive than I expected. It was well used on a recent trip to Nias, Indonesia. I like it because it is easy to read but is also still relevant for healthcare workers. I liked how it enables the healthcare worker to adapt their knowledge to village environments with poor resources. It explains a number of different conditions that are present in villages that would be rare or non-existent in western countries. It is useful because these conditions are not addressed in a standard undergraduate degree in Australia. It would be useful not only for preparing for working in 3rd world but also as a text to take with. It is full of good practical ideas and basic health strategies which could be shared with parents and local health care workers. Having said all this it is important to work in these settings as part of a sustainable project led by experienced people. This book is a guide only. I think a USB containing the book would be a great alternative to use with current

tablet or ipad technology.

Great content especially for new OT's. A bit tricky to read though, pages are thin and there's LOTS of small writing.

As a pediatric rehabilitation specialist who does lots of work in the developing world, this book is indispensable. Detailed, flexible, and well versed in working for this difficult population in the most difficult settings. Thanks David Werner

What great read. Covers a broad perspective of providing alternative solutions to rehabilitation and how to utilise local people knowledge and information to collaborate as a team.

A must read for those on rural Rehab (CBR) Mission Trips. This is an extensive, simple and Do-It-Yourself guide. Physical, Occupational Therapists & Social workers will love this book.

If I ever get the chance to provide services to children in need (who do not have appropriate health care support), this book would be the first thing I'd pack. Plenty of useful Information in this book. Haven't tried to fashion any of the equipment, but I'm sure they all work wonders for kids and their families.

Really like this book, it is full of useful information for parents, teachers, health care professionals etc. The book is well-layed out and I fully recommend it.

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