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## FREE-RANGE KIDS: WHY DOES AN OLD-FASHIONED CHILDHOOD SOUND SO RADICAL?



**Lenore Skenazy**

Syncicated Columnist and  
Author of *Free Range Kids*



**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011  
6:00 - 7:30PM

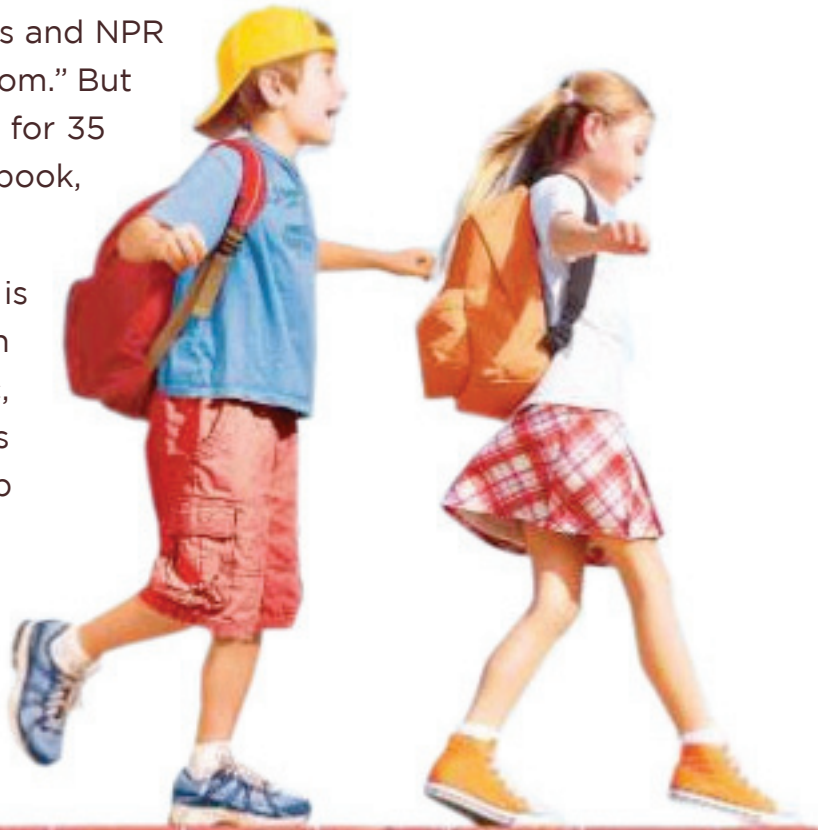
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TWO DAYS AFTER LENORE SKENAZY WROTE A NEWSPAPER COLUMN ABOUT LETTING HER 9-YEAR-OLD RIDE THE SUBWAY ALONE she found herself on the Today Show, MSNBC, Fox News and NPR defending herself as NOT “America’s Worst Mom.” But Google that phrase and there you find her — for 35 pages. The hullabaloo led her to create the book, blog and movement, “Free-Range Kids.”

Skenazy says our generation of parents is constantly being told that our kids are in danger from EVERYTHING: predators, plastic, germs, cribs, bullies, cyber-creeps, sleepovers and non-organic grapes. As a result, we keep our children on a very short leash — sometimes literally. But in truth, our kids are safer and more competent than pop culture says they are, and once we realize that, we can give them the kind of “Free-Range” childhood most of us enjoyed.



*Lenore Skenazy*  
“AMERICA’S WORST MOM”