

## THE BOOK PAGE

**Children's Rights: A Book of Nursery Logic.** By Kate Douglas Wiggin. Houghton, Mifflin & Company, Boston and New York; 235 pages, price \$1.00.

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