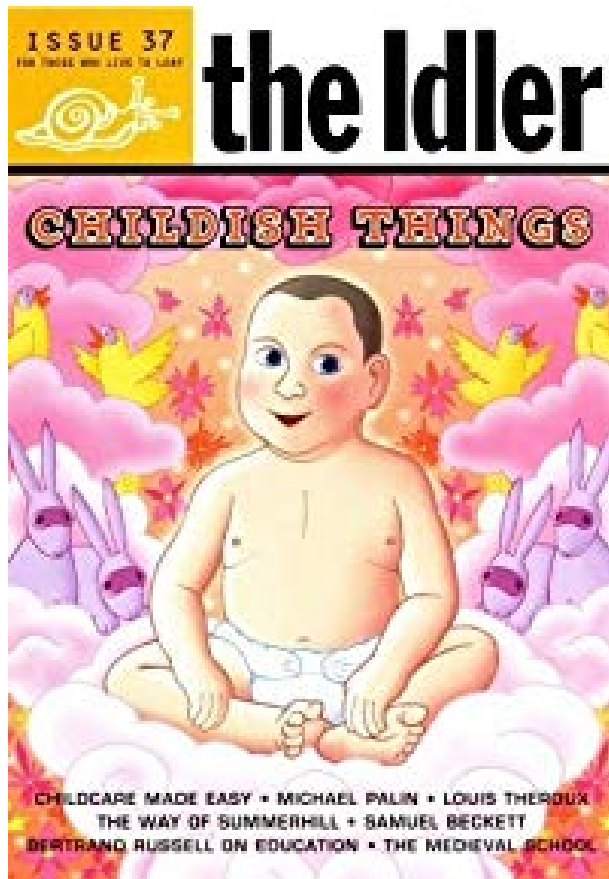


# The Idler 37: Childish Things



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This new issue of The Idler explores childhood and wonders whether today's kids are suffering from too much education, too many activities and too much interfering. Childish Things features Bertrand Russell's essay on education and freedom, an attack on professionalism, a visit to Summerhill School, where ones are optional, and a guide to childcare for the lazy by editor Tom Hodgkinson. There's an interview with Michael Palin, a man who has gone with the flow to great acclaim. You'll also find Nicholas Lezard on Samuel Beckett, John Michel on William Cobbett, new short stories, and biting satire and humour from Gwyn, Ian Vince, Adam Buxton, Tony Husband, Chris Donald and The Idler's own agony uncles, Bill Drummond and Mark Manning. And the ejected bass player from The Darkness writes from his French château. All this as well as tips for living the good life, and full colour illustrations and photography throughout.