

Joanna Lipper is an award-winning filmmaker and the author of the nationally acclaimed book, "Growing Up Fast." Ms. Lipper is known for her sensitive, insightful work with children and adolescents who are facing adversity in their families and communities, and for her extraordinary ability to collaborate with these young people to tell their own stories in their own voices. Ms. Lipper is a frequent speaker on national radio and television and at conferences and universities across the country. She usually speaks in conjunction with a screening of one of her two documentary films. "Inside Out: Portraits of Children" is about imagination, self-perception and creative inclination in children between the ages of five and twelve. "Growing Up Fast," the film which inspired the Ms. Lipper's book, addresses the subject of teen parenthood. The Boston Phoenix referred to Ms. Lipper as "a bona fide expert" on teen parenthood and related issues surrounding adolescent sexuality and social policy. Little Fugitive <[http://www.joannalipper.com/films\\_littlefugitive.html](http://www.joannalipper.com/films_littlefugitive.html)> , a remake of the 1953 classic, marks Ms. Lipper's debut as a feature film director and screenwriter. Beginning in Spring of 2006, she will also be lecturing on subjects related to this film, including foster care and the struggles faced by children whose parents are incarcerated. For more information please visit [www.joannalipper.com](http://www.joannalipper.com).