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Sommario/riassunto	Not just another jeremiad against prevailing isms and orthodoxies, Why Literature Matters in the 21st Century examines literature in its connection to virtue and moral excellence. The author is concerned with literature as the teacher of virtue. The current crisis in the humanities, Mark William Roche argues, may be traced back to the separation of art and morality. ("When the distinction between is and ought is leveled," he writes, "the power of the professions increases.") The arts and humanities concern themselves with the fate and prospects of humankind. Today that fate and those prospects are under

the increasing influence of technology. In a technological age, literature gains in importance precisely to the extent that our sense of intrinsic value is lost. In its elevation of play and inexhaustible meaning, literature offers a counterbalance to reason and efficiency. It helps us grasp the ways in which diverse parts form a comprehensive and complex whole, and it connects us with other ages and cultures. Not least, great literature grapples with the ethical challenges of the day.

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Redefining motherhood -- "Follow the lead of physicians": Motherhood in the late nineteenth century -- "Mamma's scientific--she knows all the laws": Motherhood in the early twentieth century -- "Follow my instructions exactly": Experts to mothers in the interwar period and during World War II -- "The modern way": Mothers, circa 1920-1945 -- "Now I know that an authority has the same opinion as mine": Motherhood in the postwar period -- "Use it to guide, not to dictate": Motherhood in the late twentieth century -- Conclusion: "I wanted to do it right".

Parenting today is virtually synonymous with worry. We want to ensure

that our children are healthy, that they get a good education, and that they grow up to be able to cope with the challenges of modern life. In our anxiety, we are keenly aware of our inability to know what is best for our children. When should we toilet train? What is the best way to encourage a fussy child to eat? How should we protect our children from disease and injury? Before the nineteenth century, maternal instinct—a mother's "natural know-how"—was considered the only tool necessary for effective childrearing. Over the past two hundred years, however, science has entered the realm of motherhood in increasingly significant ways. In *Perfect Motherhood*, Rima D. Apple shows how the growing belief that mothers need to be savvy about the latest scientific directives has shifted the role of expert away from the mother and toward the professional establishment. Apple, however, argues that most women today are finding ways to negotiate among the abundance of scientific recommendations, their own knowledge, and the reality of their daily lives.
