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contests provide women opportunities to demonstrate talent, style, the values of black womanhood, and the territory's social mores. *Queen of the Virgins: Pageantry and Black Womanhood in the Caribbean* is a comprehensive look at the centuries-old tradition of these expressions in the Virgin Islands. M. Cynthia Oliver maps the trajectory of pageantry from its colonial precursors at tea meetings, dance
