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A comprehensive exploration of historical and contemporary patterns of parenting in black families, this book focuses on how slavery, race, and black culture influenced the ways in which blacks parented their children.