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The figure of the mother in literature and the arts has been the subject

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of much recent critical attention. Whereas many studies have focused on women writers and the maternal, Laura Doyle significantly broadens the field by tracing the racial logic internal to Western representations of maternality at least since Romanticism. She formulates a theory of ""racial patriarchy"" in which the circumscription of reproduction within racial borders engenders what she calls the ""race mother"" in literary and cultural narratives. Pairing literary movements not often considered together--Modernism and t