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parenting." "Mothering without a Compass relates a lesbian parent's struggle to help her child grow up and describes the complexities

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