BLACK FATHERS

AN INVISIBLE PRESENCE IN AMERICA, SECOND EDITION

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"An important contribution to the true image of black fathers in America. ...I enthusiastically endorse this book. ...It provides a broad integrated perspective that combines relevant theory and research... I am certain that it will be used in many college and university courses."
– Robert L. Williams, Washington University, USA

"Connor and White capture eloquently the struggles, triumphs, hopes and dreams of African American men....the focus on personal narratives is clearly a strength. ... [It is] a good text for ...courses examining the ... family and/or cross-cultural courses."
– Daryl M. Rowe, Pepperdine University, USA

"The narratives presented are extremely poignant. They tell important stories from personal [and] positive perspectives on fathering in black communities. ...The book would be useful to social service providers, policy makers, clergy and lay staff within the faith-based community, and counselors in private practice [and] as a supplementary text to courses such as ... Fathering, Families and Family Planning, Parenting, [and] Men and Masculinity."
– Catherine S. Tamis-LeMonda, New York University, USA

"Both a resource for my multicultural issues classes as well as ... in clinical and counseling practicum supervision for graduates working with black ... fathers.... [this book] provides ... possible interventions strengthening black fathers’ participation in education, the family, and community."
– Anderson J. Franklin, Boston College, USA

This book offers a broader, more positive picture of African American fathers. Featuring case studies of African-descended fathers, this edited volume brings to life the achievements and challenges of being black fathers in America. Leading scholars and practitioners provide unique insight into this understudied population. Short-sighted social policies which do not encourage father involvement are critically examined and the value of father engagement is promoted. The problems associated with the absence of a father are also explored.

The second edition features an increased emphasis on:
•the historical issues confronting African descended fathers
•the impact of health issues on Black fathers and their children
•the need for therapeutic interventions to aid in the healing of fathers and their children
•the impact of an Afrikan-centered fathering approach and the need for research which considers systemic problems confronting African American fathers
•community focused models that provide new ideas for (re)connecting absent fathers
•learning tools including reflective questions and a conclusion in each chapter and more theory and research throughout the book

An ideal supplementary text for courses on fathers and fathering, introduction to the family, parenting, African American families/men, men and masculinity, Black studies, race and ethnic relations, and family issues taught in a variety of departments, the book also appeals to social service providers, policy makers, and clergy who work with community institutions.
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