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News and social media headlines abound with contradictory stories about parents, from tales of neglect to fear of helicopter parenting. What readers know about parenting and parenthood can stem from misinformation and oversimplification.

In *Contemporary Parenting and Parenthood*, a wide variety of contributors share research on topics ranging from international adoption to technology to talking with children about racial issues. Scholars, students, parents, and practitioners alike will find that this book breaks new ground in terms of its timely approach, its spotlight on current topics, and its attention to thinking through exaggerated and conflicting media claims about contemporary parenting. Importantly, the book focuses on both parenting, the lived experiences of parents, and parenthood, the social and cultural construction of parenthood in today's world, making it a resource for those interested in the truth of the everyday lives of American parents.

FEATURES

Includes up-to-date research on parenting topics covered in news stories

Incorporates the expertise of editor Michelle Janning, an award-winning teacher and leader in national organizations dedicated to family studies

Helps to clarify parenting debates through sociological inquiry, instead of giving advice on how to parent

Serves multiple audiences, including students and practitioners in professions working with parent-child relationships, scholars looking for the best new research in the field of parenting and parenthood, and parents who want to understand the larger context in which they operate on a daily basis

Offers a range of viewpoints on parenting issues in a clearly organized format

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