



# Black Mothers Raising Autistic Children in the UK: Mothering at the Margins

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## This course reading...

- Provides an intersectional exploration which combines collective autoethnographic and participant research to spotlight the lived experiences of Black mothers raising autistic children in the UK.
- Combines elements of Black Feminisms, Critical Race Theory and Critical Disability Studies to identify a 'multiplicity of burdens' impacting this marginalized group.
- Articulates directions for future research and offers a blueprint for transformative and supportive engagement with those at the intersection of discrimination on the basis of race, gender, and disability.
- Is ideal reading for students of Gender Studies, Disability Studies, Black Studies, Special Educational Needs, Social Work, and Psychology, as well as policy makers and educational administrators.

### How can an interdisciplinary investigation into the lives of Black mothers raising autistic children in the UK encourage us to scrutinise systemic barriers and advocate for change?

Drawing from personal experience of raising autistic children, as well as a hybridised theoretical framework of Black Feminisms, Critical Race Theory, and Critical Disability Studies, this pioneering text offers an unparalleled lens into the intersecting spheres of race, gender, and disability.

Through individual testimonials, critical assessments of current practice, and actionable solutions, authors **Claire Malcolm** and **Melissa Green** compel readers to confront and dismantle the triad of oppression faced by these mothers.

Amplifying and validating the often-marginalised voices of Black mothers of autistic children, this book is ideal reading for students of Gender Studies, Disability Studies, Black Studies, Special Educational Needs, Social Work, and Psychology, as well as policy makers and educational administrators.

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