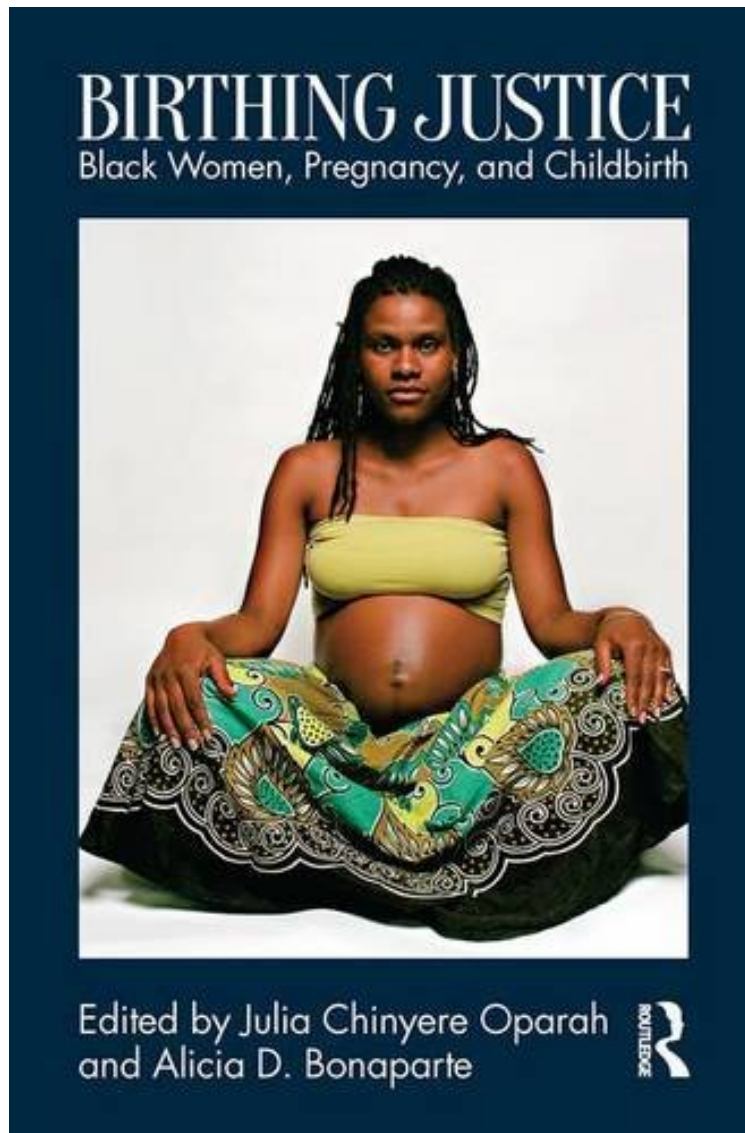


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9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Birthing Today In A Racist Culture By Amy L. Gilliland Birthing Justice is an anthology of perspectives on the issues facing Black and African American people today as they try to birth their babies with respect in a racist culture. As a White birth professional for over thirty years, I have no doubts

that Women of Color receive different care than White women. Their unique history of being exploited for medical research and receiving substandard care creates distrust of the obstetrical system. But the present condition of mothers and babies dying at twice the rate of White women makes them dependent on the same system to keep their babies alive. The resurgence of Black and African American people midwifing and doulaing each other through the peripartum period is an expression of solidarity and power that will do much in the long run to end racial disparities. The perspectives offered in this book are personal, historical, political, and uplifting. I find it inspiring when women band together to create change to better their own and their children's lives, and to create options for others. What this book offers that no other does is multiple perspectives on a complex issue, grounded in contemporary dialogues about race and disparities in perinatal care. There is anger and sadness in this book, but mostly compassion and a call to action. Birthing Justice informs about what people's experiences are like and what those of us who are outsiders need to know to understand the reproductive justice movement. Like the pregnant person featured on the cover, Birthing Justice looks you in the eye and dares you to look away again after hearing their voices. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. She will love it. By LGSilverSpring This is a gift for my daughter who is a birth doula. She will love it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Customer This book is so important. Everyone must read it

There is a global crisis in maternal health care for black women. In the United States, black women are over three times more likely to perish from pregnancy-related complications than white women; their babies are half as likely to survive the first year. Many black women experience policing, coercion, and disempowerment during pregnancy and childbirth and are disconnected from alternative birthing traditions. This book places black women's voices at the center of the debate on what should be done to fix the broken maternity system and foregrounds black women's agency in the emerging birth justice movement. Mixing scholarly, activist, and personal perspectives, the book shows readers how they too can change lives, one birth at a time.

“A truly original and innovative book and an absolute necessity in the current field of research on reproduction.” Christa Craven, College of Wooster, author of *Pushing for Midwives: Homebirth Mothers and the Reproductive Rights Movement*. “With its commitment to placing black women at the center of the conversation and scholarship about their own lives and the value it places on agency, activism, and putting scholarship to work for the purpose of social change, *Birthing Justice* makes an important and much-needed contribution to the small but growing number of books examining reproductive justice. This anthology of black women’s experiences of pregnancy and childbirth is long overdue.” Jeanne Flavin, Fordham University, author of *Our Bodies, Our Crimes: The Policing of Women’s Reproduction in America*. About the Author Julia Chinyere Oparah is Professor and Chair of Ethnic Studies at Mills College and a founding member of Black Women Birthing Justice. She is co-editor of *Activist Scholarship: Antiracism, Feminism and Social Change* and *Outsiders Within: Writing on Transracial Adoption* Alicia D. Bonaparte is Associate Professor of Sociology at Pitzer College and a medical sociologist with a specialization in reproductive health and health disparities. She is currently working on a book on the lives of granny midwives in South Carolina.