

# Racism, Pregnancy, and Premature Birth: Anthropologies of American Medicine

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Racism, Pregnancy, and Premature Birth: Anthropologies of American Medicine examines the ways in which racism shapes the experiences of pregnant women and their babies. The book draws on ethnographic research to explore how racism affects access to prenatal care, the quality of care that women receive, and the outcomes of pregnancy. The authors argue that racism is a major factor in the high rates of premature birth among African American women.



## Reproductive Injustice: Racism, Pregnancy, and Premature Birth (Anthropologies of American Medicine: Culture, Power, and Practice Book 7) by Michelle Obama

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The book begins by providing an overview of the history of racism in American medicine. The authors show how racism has been used to justify the mistreatment of African Americans, including pregnant women. They

also discuss the ways in which racism has shaped the development of medical knowledge and practices.

The second part of the book presents ethnographic research on the experiences of pregnant African American women. The authors draw on interviews and observations to explore how racism affects women's access to care, the quality of care they receive, and the outcomes of their pregnancies. The authors find that racism is a major barrier to prenatal care for African American women. They also find that African American women are more likely to receive low-quality care than white women. This disparity in care contributes to the high rates of premature birth among African American women.

The third part of the book discusses the implications of the research findings for policy and practice. The authors argue that it is essential to address racism in Free Download to improve the health of African American women and their babies. They propose a number of policy and practice changes that could help to reduce racial disparities in prenatal care and birth outcomes.

Racism, Pregnancy, and Premature Birth: Anthropologies of American Medicine is an important book that sheds light on the ways in which racism affects the health of African American women and their babies. The book's findings have implications for policy and practice, and they could help to improve the health of all Americans.

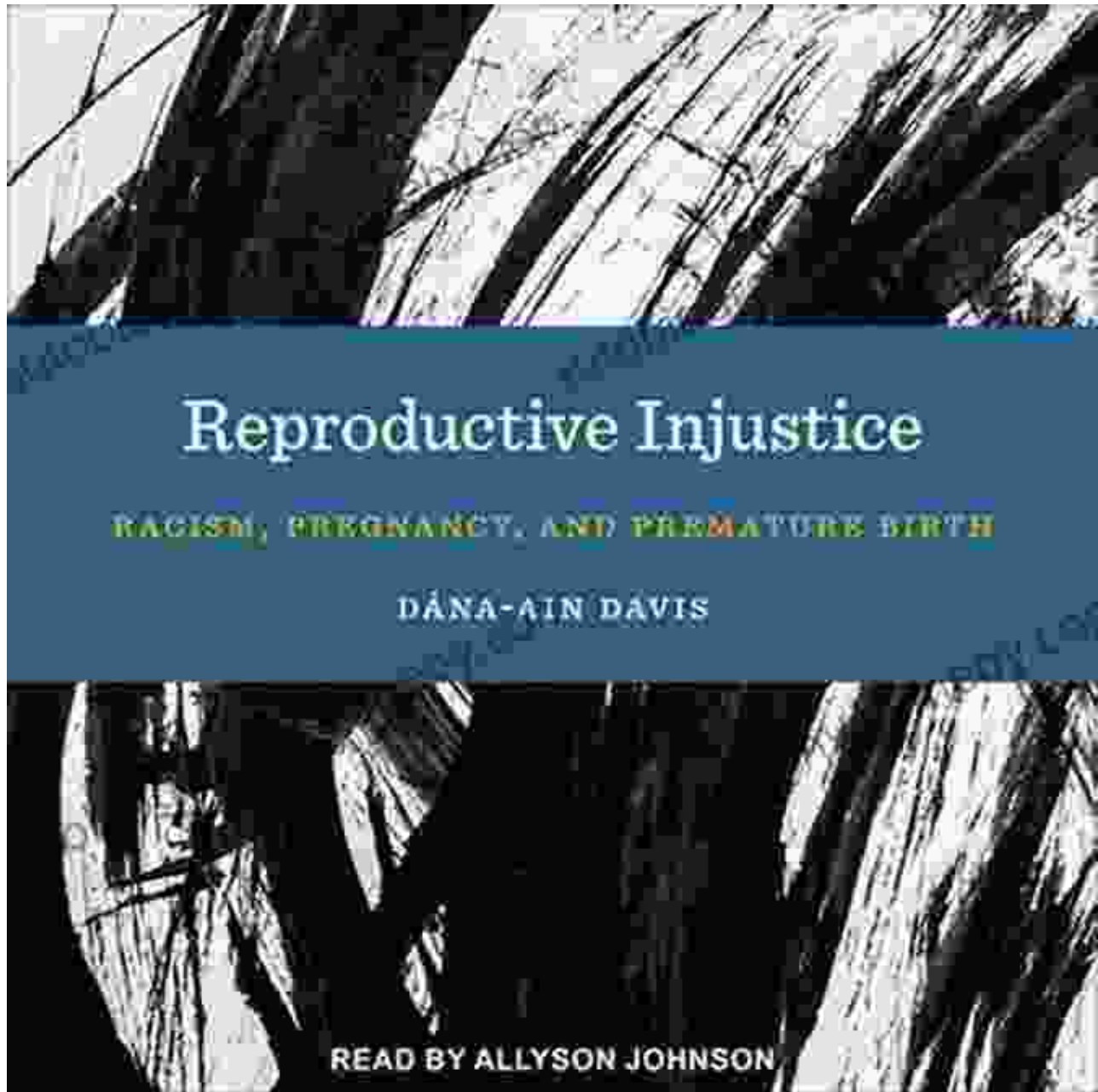
## **Reviews**

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American women and their babies. The authors' research is rigorous and their findings are clear: racism is a major factor in the high rates of premature birth among African American women. This book is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the impact of racism on health and well-being." —Michele Morningstar, MSW, MPH, author of *Birth Nation: The Surprising History of American Childbirth*

"*Racism, Pregnancy, and Premature Birth* is a groundbreaking book that provides a much-needed analysis of the ways in which racism affects the health of African American women and their babies. The authors' research is meticulously documented and their findings are deeply disturbing. This book is essential reading for anyone who wants to understand the root causes of racial disparities in health care and birth outcomes." —Arline Geronimus, PhD, author of *Black Women, Black Babies: The Consequences of Health, Social, and Economic Disparities*

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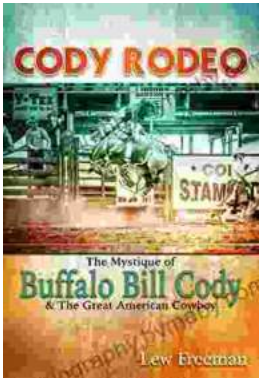
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