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Black Child Care

*Black Child Care. James P. Comer and Alvin F. Poussaint.
New York: Pocket Books, for Simon and Schuster, 1976.
470 pp. Paperback. \$1.95.*

This book by two black Harvard psychiatrists was written for parents, teachers, and other care-givers of black children. Written as a practical reference, the book presents a stage-by-stage study of the black child's development from infancy through adolescence. Special emphasis is given to the role of parents and teachers of school-age children.

A question-and-answer format is used throughout the book, and an extensive reading list is included. The distinctiveness of the child care book is its attention to race and poverty-related issues of child rearing and its advice for helping pre-teens and adolescents develop a strong sense of self without learning to hate other races.

This book offers insights for both black and white Extension workers.