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Key Features

- Provides an overview of the topic of motherhood in many and diverse disciplines, such as anthropology, sociology, psychology and philosophy
- Examines the meaning and experience of motherhood in many time periods from classic civilizations to present day
- Includes an entry for all the influential theorists of maternal scholarship from the pioneering theories to the more recent writings
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Key Themes

- History of Motherhood
- Issues in Motherhood
- Motherhood and Family
- Motherhood and Health
- Motherhood and Society
- Motherhood Around the World
- Motherhood in the United States
- Motherhood Studies
- Prominent Mothers

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