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B T I Press, United States, 2011. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Race, Genes and Ability is a scientifically informed discussion of the nature-nature debate about the ethnic achievement gap-particularly the black/white divide-in IQ and scholastics. It also examines the controversy of race-based genetics versus environment in determining ethnic differences (or alleged differences) in social behaviors such as mating, family structure, parenting, and criminal tendencies. The book s 26 chapters are divided into four sections: human biodiversity; intelligence performance and academic achievement; race and athletic ability; and the biological basis of social behavior. Written in reader-friendly language, Race, Genes and Ability is a deconstruction of modern racial science based on scientific rather than political grounds. It is a sweeping exploration of recent research on complex, myriad interactions among genes, environment, developmental biology, and the brain. These interactions may help to explain ethnic population differences in physical health, cognitive performance, and mental health as well as in social productivity and anti-social activities. Other topics addressed in relation to racial variation include the debate about the existence of human races, eugenics, evolutionary psychology, language acquisition, the Violence Initiative, neuropsychiatry, testosterone and aggression, neurobiology, cultural neuroscience, environmental toxins, and disease risks. The author evaluates emerging ideas about the potential influence of epigenetic mechanisms on both cognitive performance and transgenerational patterns of disease. While she focuses on People of African Descent, she also examines the unique social circumstances that impact minority groups such as Latino Americans, Native Americans, Jews, and Asian Americans. Based on nearly 1500 references, the findings highlighted in this book suggest that society will realize immediate and long-term benefits when it can ensure environmental justice for its underachieving ethnic populations.



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