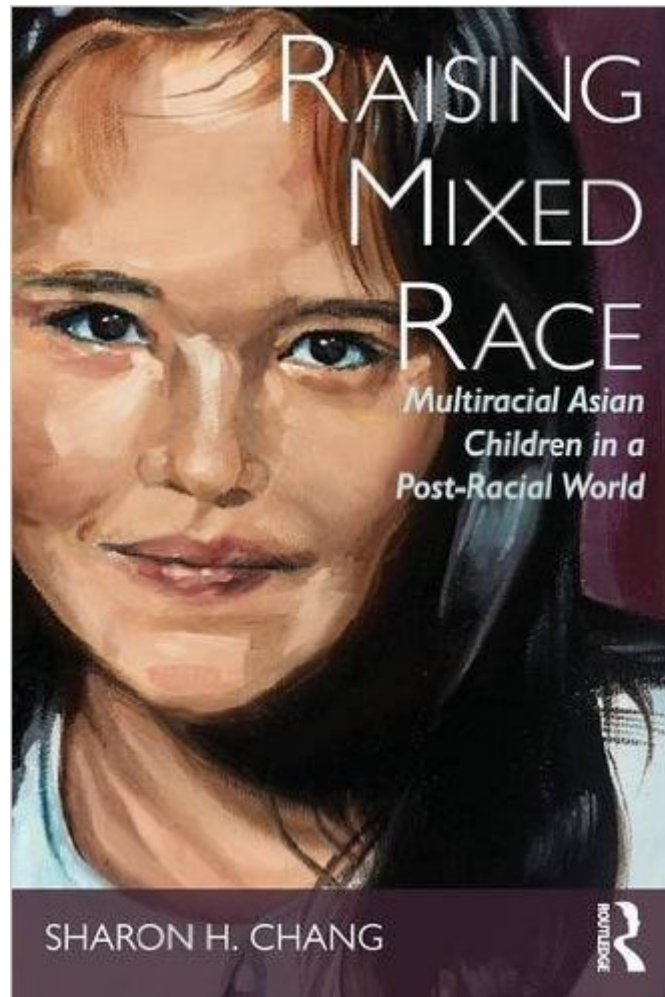


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# Raising Mixed Race: Multiracial Asian Children In A Post-Racial World (New Critical Viewpoints On Society)



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Research continues to uncover early childhood as a crucial time when we set the stage for who we will become. In the last decade, we have also seen a sudden massive shift in America's racial makeup with the majority of the current under-5 age population being children of color. Asian and multiracial are the fastest growing self-identified groups in the United States. More than 2 million people indicated being mixed race Asian on the 2010 Census. Yet, young multiracial Asian children are vastly underrepresented in the literature on racial identity. Why? And what are these children learning about themselves in an era that tries to be ahistorical, believes the race problem has been resolved, and that mixed race people are proof of it? This book is drawn from extensive research and interviews with sixty-eight parents of multiracial children. It is the first to examine the complex task of supporting our youngest around being two or more races and Asian while living amongst post-racial ideologies.

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One of my mentors pointed me to an article last year about how multiracial children who are "mixed with white" are not simply "white." This was my first exposure to Sharon H Chang's scholarship, and immediately I was floored. I knew I needed to engage with this thinker's work on multiracial identity more deeply for my own well-being and indeed, for the sake of my future children. I am a twenty-something recent college graduate who has only been studying this topic intentionally for a

few years, but I have been silently struggling for much longer in trying find my place in a world that explicitly ignores mixed race people and cuts us into parts and halves. As a multiracial Japanese American growing up in the Midwest, I wasn't aware of the wider community or history that birthed me. I didn't grow up on the West coast or among my mixed family in multiracial Hawai'i. I hadn't heard of "blood quantum" or "the one drop rule," hapa film festivals, Maria P.P. Root, or critical mixed race studies. For most of my life, I felt extremely disconnected from the racial identity that others consistently inscribed upon my body " while I knew in some sense that I was ethnically different from my white peers, I didn't understand what I was except, maybe, almost a "normal," white person. Particularly of my own background and my desire to one day parent, I appreciated the author's opening the work by echoing Frederick Douglass' sentiment that it is easier to build strong children than to repair broken adults. I can't help but wonder which of my racial wounds might be less painful if my parents took advantage of a resource like this when I was a child.

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