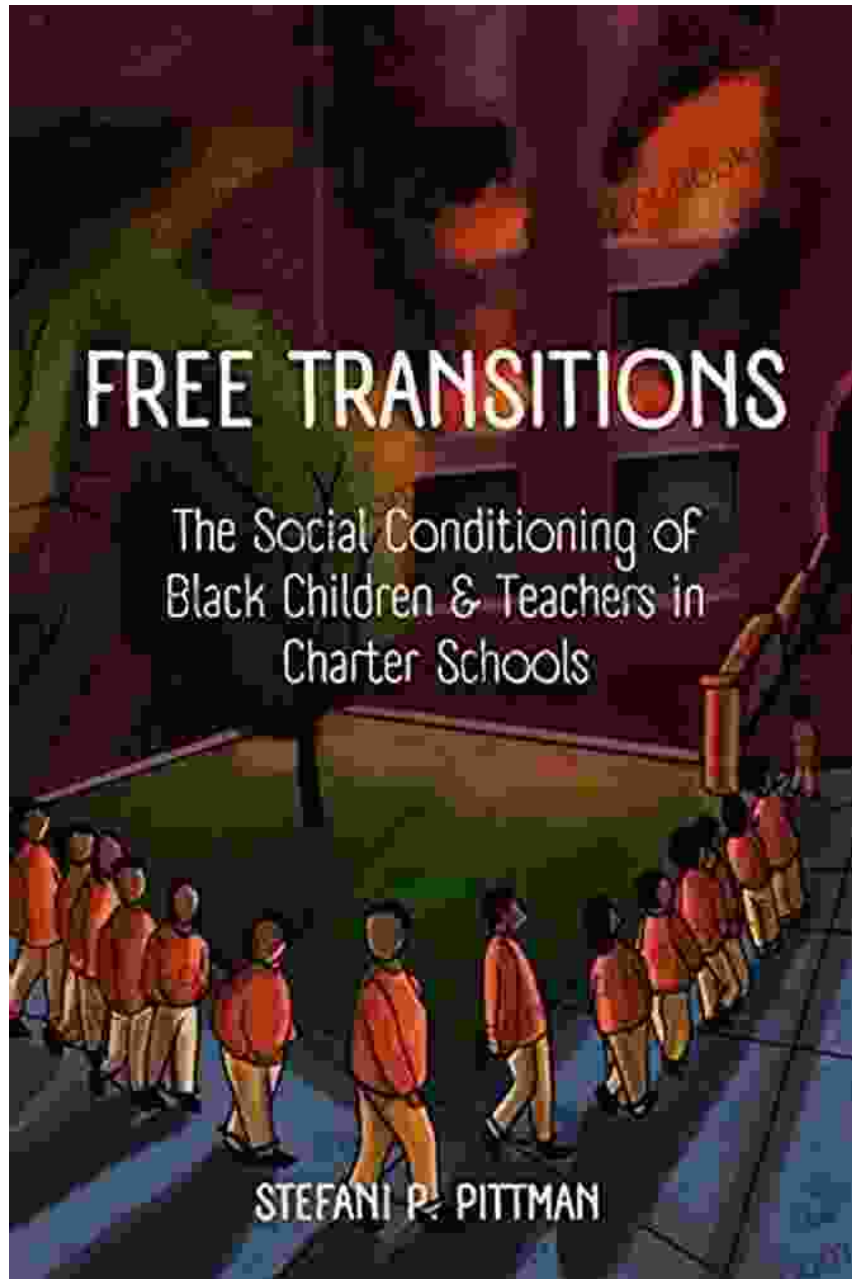
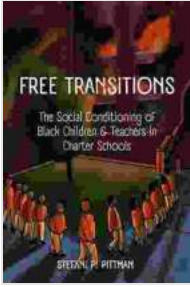


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In the wake of the Black Lives Matter movement and the ongoing struggle for racial justice, the education of Black children has come under intense scrutiny. While charter schools have been touted as a potential solution to the problems facing traditional public schools, a growing body of research has raised concerns about the ways in which they can perpetuate and even exacerbate racial inequality.

In her groundbreaking book, "The Social Conditioning of Black Children and Teachers in Charter Schools," Dr. Ebony Elizabeth Thomas provides a searing indictment of the ways in which charter schools socialize Black children into a system of white supremacy. Through a combination of ethnographic research and critical race theory, Thomas reveals how charter schools often operate as sites of cultural erasure, where Black children are expected to assimilate to white norms and values.

Thomas's research draws on extensive interviews with Black children, teachers, and administrators in charter schools across the country. She finds that these schools often promote a narrow and deficit-oriented view of

Blackness, which can lead to feelings of shame and inferiority among Black students. In addition, Thomas shows how charter schools often discipline Black students more harshly than white students, creating a climate of fear and mistrust.

But Thomas's book is not just a critique of charter schools. It is also a call for transformative change in the way we educate Black children. Thomas argues that we need to move beyond deficit-oriented approaches and instead focus on creating schools that are culturally responsive and affirming of Black identity. She also calls for more research on the experiences of Black children in charter schools, so that we can better understand the challenges they face and develop effective strategies to address them.

"The Social Conditioning of Black Children and Teachers in Charter Schools" is a must-read for anyone who is concerned about the future of education in America. It is a powerful and provocative book that challenges us to confront the systemic racism that continues to plague our schools and to work towards creating a more just and equitable educational system for all.

## **Reviews**

"Dr. Thomas's book is a groundbreaking contribution to the field of education. It is a must-read for anyone who is interested in understanding the ways in which charter schools perpetuate racial inequality." - Dr. Gloria Ladson-Billings, University of Wisconsin-Madison

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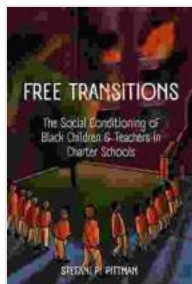
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## About the Author

Dr. Ebony Elizabeth Thomas is an associate professor of education at the University of California, Los Angeles. She is the author of several books and articles on the experiences of Black children in schools, including "The Hip-Hop Generation: Young Blacks and the Crisis in American Education" and "Educating Black Males: Critical Perspectives on Schooling, Identity, and Achievement."

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