



## Kin of Another Kind: Transracial Adoption in American Literature (Hardback)

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The University of Michigan Press, United States, 2010. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. The subject of transracial adoption seems to be enjoying unprecedented media attention of late, particularly as white celebrities have made headlines by adopting children of colour from overseas. But interest in transracial adoption is nothing new-it has long occupied a space in the public imagination, a space disproportionate with the number of people actually adopted across racial lines. Even before World War II, when transracial adoption was neither legally nor socially sanctioned, American authors wrote about it, often depicting it as an accident -the result of racial ambiguity that prevented adopters from knowing who is white or black. After World War II, as the real-world practice of transracial and international adoption increased, American literary representations of it became an index not only of the changing cultural attitudes toward adoption as a way of creating families but also of the social issues that informed it and made it, at times, controversial. Kin of Another Kind examines the appearance of transracial adoption in American literature at certain key moments from the turn of the twentieth century to the turn of the twenty-first to help understand...



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