



## Toni Morrison and Motherhood: A Politics of the Heart

By Andrea O'Reilly

Download now

Read Online ➔

**Toni Morrison and Motherhood: A Politics of the Heart** By Andrea O'Reilly

*Traces Morrison's theory of African American mothering as it is articulated in her novels, essays, speeches, and interviews.*

Mothering is a central issue for feminist theory, and motherhood is also a persistent presence in the work of Toni Morrison. Examining Morrison's novels, essays, speeches, and interviews, Andrea O'Reilly illustrates how Morrison builds upon black women's experiences of and perspectives on motherhood to develop a view of black motherhood that is, in terms of both maternal identity and role, radically different from motherhood as practiced and prescribed in the dominant culture. Motherhood, in Morrison's view, is fundamentally and profoundly an act of resistance, essential and integral to black women's fight against racism (and sexism) and their ability to achieve well-being for themselves and their culture. The power of motherhood and the empowerment of mothering are what make possible the better world we seek for ourselves and for our children. This, argues O'Reilly, is Morrison's maternal theory—a politics of the heart.

“As an advocate of ‘a politics of the heart,’ O'Reilly has an acute insight into discerning any threat to the preservation and continuation of traditional African American womanhood and values ... Above all, Toni Morrison and Motherhood, based on Andrea O'Reilly's methodical research on Morrison's works as well as feminist critical resources, proffers a useful basis for understanding Toni Morrison's works. It certainly contributes to exploring in detail Morrison's rich and complex works notable from the perspectives of nurturing and sustaining African American maternal tradition.” — African American Review

Andrea O'Reilly is Associate Professor in the School of Women's Studies at York University and President of the Association for Research on Mothering. She is the author and editor of several books on mothering, including (with Sharon Abbey) *Mothers and Daughters: Connection, Empowerment, and Transformation* and *Mothers and Sons: Feminism, Masculinity, and the Struggle to Raise Our Sons*.

 [Download Toni Morrison and Motherhood: A Politics of the He ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Toni Morrison and Motherhood: A Politics of the ...pdf](#)

# Toni Morrison and Motherhood: A Politics of the Heart

By Andrea O'Reilly

## Toni Morrison and Motherhood: A Politics of the Heart By Andrea O'Reilly

*Traces Morrison's theory of African American mothering as it is articulated in her novels, essays, speeches, and interviews.*

Mothering is a central issue for feminist theory, and motherhood is also a persistent presence in the work of Toni Morrison. Examining Morrison's novels, essays, speeches, and interviews, Andrea O'Reilly illustrates how Morrison builds upon black women's experiences of and perspectives on motherhood to develop a view of black motherhood that is, in terms of both maternal identity and role, radically different from motherhood as practiced and prescribed in the dominant culture. Motherhood, in Morrison's view, is fundamentally and profoundly an act of resistance, essential and integral to black women's fight against racism (and sexism) and their ability to achieve well-being for themselves and their culture. The power of motherhood and the empowerment of mothering are what make possible the better world we seek for ourselves and for our children. This, argues O'Reilly, is Morrison's maternal theory—a politics of the heart.

“As an advocate of ‘a politics of the heart,’ O'Reilly has an acute insight into discerning any threat to the preservation and continuation of traditional African American womanhood and values ... Above all, Toni Morrison and Motherhood, based on Andrea O'Reilly's methodical research on Morrison's works as well as feminist critical resources, proffers a useful basis for understanding Toni Morrison's works. It certainly contributes to exploring in detail Morrison's rich and complex works notable from the perspectives of nurturing and sustaining African American maternal tradition.” — African American Review

Andrea O'Reilly is Associate Professor in the School of Women's Studies at York University and President of the Association for Research on Mothering. She is the author and editor of several books on mothering, including (with Sharon Abbey) Mothers and Daughters: Connection, Empowerment, and Transformation and Mothers and Sons: Feminism, Masculinity, and the Struggle to Raise Our Sons.

## Toni Morrison and Motherhood: A Politics of the Heart By Andrea O'Reilly Bibliography

- Sales Rank: #1870190 in eBooks
- Published on: 2010-03-17
- Released on: 2010-03-17
- Format: Kindle eBook

 [Download Toni Morrison and Motherhood: A Politics of the Heart ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Toni Morrison and Motherhood: A Politics of the Heart ...pdf](#)



## **Editorial Review**

### **Users Review**

#### **From reader reviews:**

##### **Donald Howard:**

This Toni Morrison and Motherhood: A Politics of the Heart are usually reliable for you who want to be a successful person, why. The explanation of this Toni Morrison and Motherhood: A Politics of the Heart can be one of the great books you must have is giving you more than just simple examining food but feed you with information that might be will shock your preceding knowledge. This book is actually handy, you can bring it everywhere you go and whenever your conditions in e-book and printed people. Beside that this Toni Morrison and Motherhood: A Politics of the Heart forcing you to have an enormous of experience such as rich vocabulary, giving you demo of critical thinking that could it useful in your day task. So , let's have it and enjoy reading.

##### **Brian Roberts:**

Do you have something that you enjoy such as book? The publication lovers usually prefer to pick book like comic, short story and the biggest one is novel. Now, why not trying Toni Morrison and Motherhood: A Politics of the Heart that give your fun preference will be satisfied simply by reading this book. Reading addiction all over the world can be said as the method for people to know world far better then how they react towards the world. It can't be claimed constantly that reading habit only for the geeky man but for all of you who wants to be success person. So , for all you who want to start examining as your good habit, you can pick Toni Morrison and Motherhood: A Politics of the Heart become your current starter.

##### **Terry Matlock:**

Are you kind of busy person, only have 10 as well as 15 minute in your morning to upgrading your mind talent or thinking skill actually analytical thinking? Then you are receiving problem with the book when compared with can satisfy your short period of time to read it because this time you only find publication that need more time to be learn. Toni Morrison and Motherhood: A Politics of the Heart can be your answer because it can be read by a person who have those short time problems.

##### **Sandra Williams:**

You are able to spend your free time to learn this book this reserve. This Toni Morrison and Motherhood: A Politics of the Heart is simple to develop you can read it in the playground, in the beach, train as well as soon. If you did not get much space to bring often the printed book, you can buy the particular e-book. It is make you simpler to read it. You can save often the book in your smart phone. Therefore there are a lot of

benefits that you will get when one buys this book.

**Download and Read Online Toni Morrison and Motherhood: A Politics of the Heart By Andrea O'Reilly #XCKPESN6ZVF**

## **Read Toni Morrison and Motherhood: A Politics of the Heart By Andrea O'Reilly for online ebook**

Toni Morrison and Motherhood: A Politics of the Heart By Andrea O'Reilly Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Toni Morrison and Motherhood: A Politics of the Heart By Andrea O'Reilly books to read online.

### **Online Toni Morrison and Motherhood: A Politics of the Heart By Andrea O'Reilly ebook PDF download**

**Toni Morrison and Motherhood: A Politics of the Heart By Andrea O'Reilly Doc**

**Toni Morrison and Motherhood: A Politics of the Heart By Andrea O'Reilly Mobipocket**

**Toni Morrison and Motherhood: A Politics of the Heart By Andrea O'Reilly EPub**

**XCKPESN6ZVF: Toni Morrison and Motherhood: A Politics of the Heart By Andrea O'Reilly**