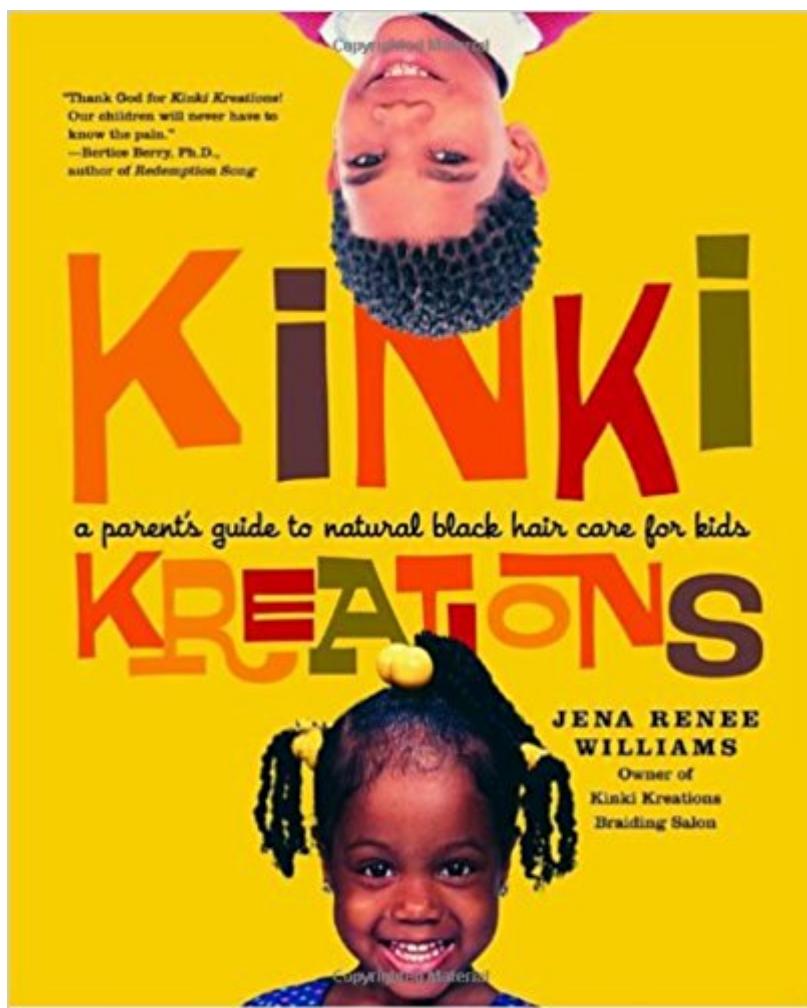


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Kinki Kreations: A Parent's Guide To Natural Black Hair Care For Kids



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Dubbed "the Michael Jordan of braiding," JENA RENEE WILLIAMS opened Kinki Kreations Braiding Salon in 1996 and Kiddie Kreations, a children's salon, four years later. A master barber, braider, stylist, and dreadlock expert, whose clients have included Oprah Winfrey and Teddy Pendergrass, Williams lives in Philadelphia.

I purchased Kinki Kreations along with Michele N-K Collison's "It's All Good Hair" and Pamela Ferrell's "Kids Talk Hair" and found it to be the best of the three books. While I loved the beautiful color photographs in "Kids Talk Hair," I found it to be lacking in detailed directions for creating the cute hairstyles in those photos. On the other hand, I loved the basic diagrams in "It's All Good Hair," but found the book less inspiring than the other two. I was also bothered by the section on using chemical relaxers in children's hair as I think it is important to embrace natural hair care. I liked Kinki Kreations because of the gorgeous photos, the step-by-step instructions for all of the hairstyles, and the positive way natural hair was presented. I also appreciated the author's acknowledgment of the book's value to non-black parents of black children, as this is the category my family falls into. While I'd recommend buying all three books if your budget can handle it, this is definitely the one to buy if you only want to spring for one. The only thing that would make it better would be color photos and perhaps a little lengthier treatment of boys' hairstyles.

The book arrived in excellent condition.

This book really didn't help. Its looks old fashioned the pictures are even black and white.

If you have a girl, this would be a great book -- some really cute styles (I love the afro puffs). The section on boys' hair pretty much simply advocates to cut the hair very close to the scalp. There is info for cornrows, but the hair has to be fairly long. What was most frustrating was a picture of a boy with "coils", stating that this is a popular way to grow out the hair, but there is absolutely no info. on how to do these coils. She has one method of dreadlocks, but you can get more and better info. on the internet. For boys, I'd give this book a 1 star. For girls, I'd give it a 5 (some nice, basic instructions for hair care). We finally found someone in our area (Southern Oregon) who specializes in ethnic hair. She is teaching us how to start dreadlocks in our boy's hair, and will teach us how to maintain them, so we don't need to keep going back.

I am a caucasian parent of twin girls of African American heritage. I was hoping for some solid information about hair care do's and don'ts. The girls' hair is not of the same texture that is discussed throughout the book and treatment of different textures is not addressed. The sections on infant care and shampooing were good, although I'm not sure they're applicable to us. I was able to take away some useful tidbits of information but I would feel more confident if my girls' hair matched that of the models in the book. As for the styles, I think if I tried to do any of them that I would have a problem. The photos get you started but some additional photos could fill in the details.

This book was a good base to know how to care for my daughter's hair.

I thought "Kids Talk Hair" was much better. This one's author seems more interested in bragging about her accomplishments (which aren't that impressive) than in telling you about hair care. The photos are drab and unenlightening. The message I got from this book was "go to a salon". For this I need a book?

I loved this book! I got my first relaxer at 8 or 9 so I have never learned to care for natural hair. This became a big problem when my daughter was born with a head full of it. I got through the baby stage OK, but now she is two and her hair is thick and kinky. After using styles that put too much stress on her hair, big chunks started to fall out and I knew I had to do something. I went to the Web to see if I could find a site or book that talked about hair styles for African-American children. I found

Kinki Kreations and went to the nearest Border's the next day. I immediately began to use the tools and suggestions in the book, which was easy to read and understand, and had lots of illustrations. This was incredibly helpful to a novice like me. Within two days I had washed, trimmed, and combed out her hair as the book instructed and put it into little twists. I have never gotten so many compliments on my daughters hair! Her hair has stopped breaking, it's growing rapidly and is strong and healthy. The natural oils recommended have worked wonders. My heart sang when my little girl told me, while admiring her new twists in the mirror, "Mommy, I like my puffy hair". I am indebted to Jena Williams for sharing her knowledge and philosophy in this great little book.

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