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Mom Author Pens Book for Mothers of Sons

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It's well documented that African-American boys and young men face an inordinate amount of societal obstacles that many adults themselves would find difficult to overcome. Despite all of the negative press attributed to African-American boys, many of their mothers from all across the country are forging ahead with unique ideas to counter the negative stereotypes and wayward influences that curb the intellectual

genius and personal potential of their sons. One Detroit mom of two sons, Kimberley R. Crouch, has used her talents and creativity to pen an extraordinary new book especially written for African-American young men: *Mother to Son: Words of Wisdom, Inspiration, and Hope for Today's Young African-American Men*. In *Mother to Son*, Crouch utilizes her own personal experiences to impart not only the advantages of working hard, but illustrates the potential for African-American young men's lives regardless of race, socioeconomic status or lot in life.

Drawing upon historic African-American history and sage sayings from some of the wisest people ever to live, Crouch challenges African-American young men and boys to look past racism and peer pressure to instead become the most productive and respected people they can. Through eleven beautifully written letters which serve as maternal lessons to African-American young men, Crouch emboldens them to stretch for excellence academically, socially, professionally, economically and personally. Through her lessons ranging from "Know Your History! You Come from a Line of Kings" to "Put God first", Crouch belies the false assumption that African-American young men and boys cannot become respectable, intelligent young men and assiduously pushes forth the values of integrity, self-respect and marked determination. Noting the way in which females are increasingly being treated as sexual objects, Crouch also writes lessons for young African-American men and boys about how to treat black girls and women with respect and with the dignity they deserve.

Above all, Crouch draws upon her own life of rising out of the St. Louis inner city to become a well-educated, successful attorney and the senseless death of her brother to guide young African-American men and boys down a path of success. Throughout *Mother to Son*, Crouch maintains that through perseverance, dedication, and a staunch belief in diligent, hard work, all things are possible.

Although Crouch humbly professes not to be a professional in the area of child development or child psychology, she does a fine job of using everyday wisdom to lead young men along the true path to success. *Mother to Son*, for all African-American mothers of sons, is a must-read. Mothers can utilize the book as a constant reminder of the life lessons they should teach their sons. Or, *Mother to Son* can be given as the perfect gift for African-American boys transitioning into young men as a tool to reinforce those lessons in life that will keep them out of trouble and on the narrow course to success.

For more information about *Mother to Son* and for purchasing information, visit <http://www.kimcrouch.com/>.

