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Why are we all imperfect parents? What is the connection of fatherhood or motherhood with God's parenthood? This book discusses the hostility of the 1900's culture towards fatherhood; that of earth and that of sky. The refusal of God's thought as omnipotent, male, identified with a person or with a nation (*Gott mit uns*), and seen as a rational and inflexible judge, a boss father. The book unites sociological descriptions of parenthood with anthropological-philosophical reflections, until touching typical theological topics. The reader can find in this book a large paternal and maternal range of lived (the gallery goes from sublimated paternities\maternities to those that are violent, responsible\irresponsible, guilt divinized, expropriated, discouraged, planned, increased ...) experiences. Everyone can find the weak side of its parenthood and unmask bad feelings hidden behind rethorical speeches: frustration, temptation of dominating from adult on child, from male on women....

Personal imperfections and failures can discourage and support the tendency of contemporary culture to subjugate parenthood to technique, to make it free from the weight of relationships (to become parents also without having a partner), to encourage sons at all cost and at the same time discourage parental educational engagement. Such

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