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Kwanzaa celebration... At the end of each chapter guidelines for success are presented that have been gleaned from the words and actions of the persons who are spotlighted. A glossary and pronunciation key are at the end of the book." (Pg. 16-17) There is also an extensive Bibliography. It concludes with examples of how several families celebrate the holiday; and even has several suggested menus and recipes.

Celebrated between Dec. 26 and Jan. 1, Kwanzaa is a joyous and meaningful holiday that gives African Amer. an opportunity to reunite with family and friends and to pay tribute to their rich cultural heritage. Here is a comprehensive guide that explains the traditional ceremonies, foods, and history of Kwanzaa. Offers an intro. to the cultural foundations of Kwanzaa, practical tips on how to tailor celebrations to individual circumstances, and directions on how to hold a Karamu feast, as well as recipes. Also includes an explanation of the 7 principles of Kwanzaa. Includes: the philosophy behind each principle; profiles of successful African Amer. who represent the principles of Kwanzaa; inspirational quotations and proverbs; and folktales new and old. Illustrations.

.com "All ethnic groups seek acceptance in society and their place in the universal order," writes educator Dorothy Winbush Riley. "And each group, through holidays, demonstrates its interpretation of human experience." For millions of African Americans, the week after Christmas is a time to celebrate Kwanzaa by reflecting upon seven principles, among them creativity, cooperation, and faith, which are considered the foundation of successful societies. Riley elaborates upon each of these principles through a combination of first-person narratives, poetry, folktales, quotations, and proverbs. The section on Kujichagula (self-determination), for example, includes poems from Riley, Nikki Giovanni, and Serena Gordon, and excerpts from Booker T. Washington's *Up from Slavery* and Michael Jordan's *Rare Air*. Ultimately, Riley says, the principles of Kwanzaa cannot be relegated to seven days at the end of the year; if we really want to take Kwanzaa to heart, we must live it in every moment. From *Library Journal* Kwanzaa is an African American holiday that began in 1966 as the brainchild of a black studies professor, Dr. Maulana Karenga. It's an occasion celebrated from December 26 to January 1 and organized around seven principles—unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. In this work, which is helpful in understanding the custom, Riley (*My Soul Looks Back 'Less I Forget*, LJ 8/93) has illuminated each Kwanzaa principle with chapters replete with poetry, life stories of noted personalities who have benefited from using that particular system, quotations, folktales, and proverbs. Numerous books have been written on this practice, many for children. Two to consider are Karenga's *The African American Holiday of Kwanzaa* (Univ. of Sankore Pr., 1989) and Haki R. Madhubuti's *Kwanzaa* (Third World Pr., 1987). A good source, especially for young adult collections. Ann Burns, "Library Journal" Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. "An ambitious and brilliant work of scholarship; a book that will be a valuable reference source for many years." -- Clarence Major, University of California, Davis