"Play of this intensity is overstimulating and unhealthy," Dr. Spock wrote in his monthly column. 'One gentle tickle a day should be sufficient-and no tossing in the air at all."

Dr. Spock admonished parents who favor this type of play, "Imagine what it would be like to have a giant ten times your size (1,600 pounds) repeatedly throw you up to a ceiling way above his head or pin you down and tickle you again and again.

"This fact that you couldn't help shrieking or laughing wouldn't prove that you were really enjoying yourself and you dominate the play."

wanted more."

Fathrs are most often guilty of teasing their children Dr. Spock contended. He explained, "Men take a lot of kidding throughout their lives and unless they are unusually loving and secure they take it out on others, even on their children, usually without any conscious awareness of what they are doing.

Emphasizing the importance of "spontaneous and joyful" play to a child's development, Dr. Spock said that the idea of it is not really to "amuse" the

"It is to help him grow in understanding through the exploration of things and actions and to grow in spirit through experiencing the delightful mutuality of a relationship. He can't learn exploration or mutality if

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Black youth today - what they are thinking and feeling after the violent upheaval of the Sixties with its riots, civil rights marches and assassinations tell it in their own words in "Children of Longing," just published in Bantam paperback.

This unusual collection of writing was gathered and edited by author Rosa Guy (Bird At My Window), who says, "The book grew out of my desire to know how these painful events had affected the lives and ambitions of young Blacks across the nation."

Miss Guy began looking for the answers from the children of the sixties two years ago, asking young Blacks, aged 13 to 25, to write and talk about their lives - their awareness of self, their relationships to other Blacks and to white society.

She traveled throughout the United States, going into Black high schools and colleges in urban and rural areas, into writers' workshops, the cotton fields and the ghettos.

The responses she received

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ranged from those who couldn't write (she interviewed them) to articulate young Blacks such as the revolutionary poet, Nikki Giovanni.

The undercurrent of all their responses emerges, says Miss Guy, as "an intense desire to overcome the obstacles of their present lives, and to go beyond themselves. I was particularly impressed," she adds, "with the fighting in Mississippi - that really moved me."

In order to fully capture the tone of the young authors in "Children of Longing," Miss Guy hasn't edited the book for grammer, spelling or punctua-

A "child of longing" herself, Rosa Guy says, "I identify strongly with the book." Born in Trinidad, she came to New York with her parents and sister when she was eight. She attended public school in Harlem "not very long," and after her second parent died when she was "you can say I was an orphan around the streets of New

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# Kitchen Tip

Unlike other hot breads, biscuits do not like to be wrapped in a hot napkin for serving. The napkin holds in steam which softens the characteristic crisp crust of the biscuit. Serve biscuits immediately on a hot plate or directly from the baking pan.

Ingredients for fruit cakes tend to be expensive but theonce-a-year serving of these delicacies make the splurge worthwhile. To achieve perfect flavor, select only the best and freshest nuts and candied fruit. Too many raisins or currants substituted for candied fruits or nuts may give a cake a bitter or burnt taste. Some cooks recommend buying whole candied fruit for home slicing into thin 1/16 inch strips. You may prefer these tiny strips, since they make for easier thin-slicing of the finished cake.

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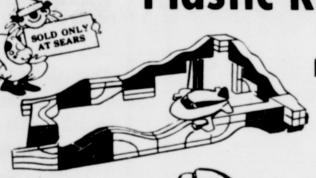
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