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Woman No. 17 - Edan Lepucki 2017-05-09
“A juice box of suburban satire laced with Alfred Hitchcock” (The Washington Post)—a novel of art, motherhood, and the intensity of female friendships, set in the posh hills above Los

Angeles, from the New York Times bestselling author of California NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The Washington Post
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Millions • Nylon • Vulture • Bustle High in the Hollywood Hills, Lady Daniels has separated from her husband. She's going to need help with their toddler son if she's going to finish the memoir she can't stand writing. From a Craigslist ad, she hires S, a magnetic young artist, to live in the guesthouse behind the pool, take care of Lady's young son, and keep an eye on her older, teenage one. S performs her job beautifully and quickly draws the entire family into her orbit—but she isn't exactly who she seems. As Lady and S grow closer, old secrets and new betrayals come to light, jeopardizing what they hold most dear. Praise for *Woman No. 17* "Woman No. 17 is propulsive and moving, and considers vital questions with empathy and sly intelligence. . . . A winning novel."—The New York Times Book Review "Lepucki's exploration of personal relationships takes on an increasingly noirish tone: Much like Chekhov's gun, a swimming pool introduced early in the book takes on the shadows of a floating body

long before the reader realizes this might be a possibility."—Elle "Edan Lepucki's *Woman No. 17* is part family melodrama, part twisty self-reflection. . . . Very funny."—GQ "While *Woman No. 17* does possess all the trappings of a frothy page-turner—stormy arguments, showy melodrama, and (oops!) an affair—there are some quiet, serious moments, too. It's the intersection between the two that makes this read both scintillating and thought-provoking."—San Francisco Chronicle
When Did I Get Like This? - Amy Wilson
2010-04-06

"Amy Wilson's hilarious, tender memoir...had me laughing out loud with recognition. She captures the small moments of motherhood in a way that is both funny and thought-provoking."
—Gretchen Rubin, author of *The Happiness Project* From the creator and star of the one-woman off-Broadway show *Mother Load*, comes *When Did I Get Like This?*, a screamingly funny take on being a modern woman, wife, and

mother told with “a level of hilarity that even non-moms can appreciate” (Time Out). Amy Wilson’s poignant and provocative, utterly outrageous look at “the Screamer, the Worrier, the Dinosaur-Chicken-Nugget-Buyer, and Other Mothers I Swore I’d Never Be” has already earned an appreciative response from Three-Martini Playdate author Christie Mellor, who calls it, “As entertaining as it is reassuring.”

Evil Next Door - Amanda Lamb 2010-04-06

A brutal murder. An abundance of DNA evidence. A three-and-a-half year search for a killer who was always so close-yet untouchable. After the rape and murder of Raleigh, North Carolina, resident Stephanie Bennett, police had ample DNA evidence. They also had a suspect: the man next door. But for more than three years, he eluded them by refusing to hand over a DNA sample, wiping down anything he touched and even planting decoy samples. This is the gripping story of how a team of detectives finally tripped him up-and brought closure to an

innocent young woman's family.

Stay-at-Work Mom - Liz Astrof 2019-07-30

“The parenting genre is never going to be the same” (Jancee Dunn, author of How Not to Hate Your Husband After Kids) after this candid and hilarious collection of essays on motherhood from the award-winning television comedy writer and producer of 2 Broke Girls and The King of Queens, who swears she loves her kids—when she’s not hiding from them. Some women feel that motherhood is a calling and their purpose on earth. They somehow manage to make pregnancy look effortless, bring out the beauty in a screaming child, and keep the back seat of their cars as spotless as their kitchens. And then there are women like Liz Astrof—who originally had children because “everyone else was.” In this blunt and side-splittingly funny book of essays (previously published as Don’t Wait Up), Liz Astrof embraces the realities of motherhood (and womanhood) that no one ever talks about: like needing to hide from your kids

in your closet, your car, or a yoga class on the other side of town, letting them eat candy for dinner because you just can't deal, to the sheer terror of failing them or at the very least losing them in a mall. And sometimes, many times, wondering if the whole parenting thing wasn't for you. Perfect for fans of Let's Pretend This Never Happened and I Heart My Little A-Holes, Stay-At-Work Mom is a soul-baring and honest look at parenting and relationships for moms who realize that motherhood doesn't have to be your entire life—just an amazing part of it.

Better Off Without 'Em - Chuck Thompson
2013-07-16

Describes the author's road trip investigation into the cultural divide of the United States during which he met possum-hunting conservatives and prayer warriors before concluding that both sides might benefit if the South seceded.

Listen to Your Mother - Ann Imig 2015-04-07
Irreverent, thought-provoking, hilarious, and

edgy: a collection of personal stories celebrating motherhood, featuring #1 New York Times bestselling authors Jenny Lawson and Jennifer Weiner, and many other notable writers. Listen to Your Mother is a fantastic awakening of why our mothers are important, taking readers on a journey through motherhood in all of its complexity, diversity, and humor. Based on the sensational national performance movement, Listen to Your Mother showcases the experiences of ordinary people of all racial, gender, and age backgrounds, from every corner of the country. This collection of essays celebrates and validates what it means to be a mother today, with honesty and candor that is arrestingly stimulating and refreshing. The stories are raw, honest, poignant, and sometimes raunchy, ranging from adoption, assimilation to emptying nests; first-time motherhood, foster-parenting, to infertility; single-parenting, LGBTQ parenting, to special-needs parenting; step-mothering; never

mothering, to surrogacy; and mothering through illness to mothering through unsolicited advice. Honest, funny, and heart-wrenching, these personal stories are the collective voice of mothers among us. Whether you are one, have one, or know one, Listen to Your Mother is an emotional whirlwind that is guaranteed to entertain, amuse, and enlighten.

Love Lies - Amanda Lamb 2015-09-22

A suburban housewife's picture-perfect life is shattered in this riveting true crime book from the author of *Evil Next Door*. When Nancy Cooper moved from Canada to Cary, North Carolina, with her new husband Brad, their future was bright. Living in one of the most picturesque towns in the United States, the couple mingled with neighbors, attended parties, and raised two daughters. Then, on July 14, 2008, the façade came crashing down when Nancy's strangled body was found in a storm pond. Nancy's husband claimed she had gone for a jog and never came back. But as the police

investigation deepened, a complex web of affairs and lies involving multiple residents of Cary's idyllic neighborhoods was uncovered, and Brad was brought to trial for the murder of his wife. At the heart of it stood the Coopers' soured marriage, Nancy's threat to leave with the children, and her own cold-blooded murder. It would take a mountain of damning evidence before justice was served.

[Sippy Cups Are Not for Chardonnay](#) - Stefanie Wilder-Taylor 2006-04-01

The moment the second line on the pee stick turns pink, women discover they've entered a world of parenting experts. Friends, family, colleagues, the UPS delivery guy -- suddenly everybody is a trove of advice, much of it contradictory and confusing. With dire warnings of what will happen if baby is fed on demand and even direr warnings of what will happen if he isn't, not to mention hordes of militant "lactivists," cosleeping advocates, and books on what to worry about next, modern parenthood

can seem like a minefield. In busy Mom-friendly short essays, *Sippy Cups Are Not for Chardonnay* delivers the empathetic straight dirt on parenting, tackling everything from Mommy & Me classes ("Your baby doesn't need to be making friends at three months old -- you do! But not with people you'll meet at Mommy & Me") to attachment parenting ("If you're holding your baby 24/7, that's not a baby, that's a tumor"). Stefanie Wilder-Taylor combines practical tips with sidesplitting humor and refreshing honesty, assuring women that they can be good mothers and responsibly make their own choices. A witty and welcome antidote to trendy parenting texts and scarifying case studies, *Sippy Cups Are Not for Chardonnay* provides genuine support, encouragement, and indispensable common-sense advice.

Confessions of a Slacker Mom - Muffy Mead-ferro 2008-08-01

Parents who are fed up with the pressure to turn their children into star athletes, concert

violinists, and merit scholars-all at once!-finally have an alternative: the world of Slacker Moms, where kids learn to do things for themselves and parents can cut themselves some slack; where it's perfectly all right to do less, have less, and spend less. Slacker moms say "No" to parenting philosophies that undermine parents'-and children's-ability to think for themselves. They say "Yes" to saving their money and time by opting out of the parenting competition. And they say "Hell, Yes!" to having a life of their own, knowing it makes them better parents. In this witty and insightful book, author Muffy Mead-Ferro reflects on her experience of growing up on a ranch in Wyoming, where parenting-by-necessity-was more hands-off, people "made do" with what they had, and common sense and generational wisdom prevailed. We should all take her sane lead!

[Dead Last](#) - Amanda Lamb 2020-05-12

Maddie Arnette traded in her hard-news crime reporting for softer, feel-good features after her

husband's death. But her lifelong addiction to the dark side of journalism, bolstered by years of meeting sources in back alleys and visiting grisly crime scenes, still clamors for Maddie's attention. When Suzanne Parker falls to the pavement in front of Maddie during the Oak City Marathon, Maddie assumes it's an accident. That is, until Suzanne whispers words that make Maddie's skin go cold: my husband is trying to kill me. Maddie's personal experience with domestic violence in her family connects her to Suzanne in a way that she can't ignore. Soon, Maddie's allegiance to protecting her new friend and discovering the truth about Suzanne's husband becomes an obsession, one that leads her down a dangerous path. When someone turns up dead, Maddie finally realizes she is all in again with crime reporting, but this time she may be in over her head.

Confessions of a Scary Mommy - Jill Smokler
2012-04-03

An irreverent assessment of the dark side of

parenting combines original essays and anonymous confessions as posted on the ScaryMommy.com site to encourage women to embrace their own parenting approaches without competing with other moms who only seem to have everything under control.

Momma Zen - Karen Maezen Miller 2007-11-13
Combining humor, honesty, and plainspoken advice, Momma Zen distills the doubts and frustrations of parenting into vignettes of Zen wisdom. Drawing on her experience as a first-time mother, and on her years of Zen meditation and study, Miller explores how the daily challenges of parenthood can become the most profound spiritual journey of our lives. This compelling and wise memoir follows the timeline of early motherhood from pregnancy through toddlerhood. Momma Zen takes readers on a transformative journey, charting a mother's growth beyond naive expectations and disorientation to finding fulfillment in ordinary tasks, developing greater self-awareness and

acceptance—to the gradual discovery of "maternal bliss," a state of abiding happiness and ease that is available to us all. In her gentle and reassuring voice, Karen Miller convinces us that ancient and authentic spiritual lessons can be as familiar as a lullaby, as ordinary as pureed peas, and as frequent as a sleepless night. She offers encouragement for the hard days, consolation for the long haul, and the lightheartedness every new mom needs to face the crooked path of motherhood straight on.

How Now, Brown Frau - Merridy Eastman 2011
A poignant, revealing and hilarious memoir about what happened when a former Playschool presenter (and brothel receptionist) woke up one morning in Munich four months pregnant, without a word of German under her belt, and surrounded by Bavarians! It's a tale about friendship, marriage and motherhood and how even a feminist can own a Dirndl.

Deadly Dose - Amanda Lamb 2008-06-03
The crime was unforgivable. The suspected

murderer—unbelievable. One man's pursuit of justice—unstoppable. The death of promising young pediatric AIDS researcher Eric Miller stunned the Raleigh, North Carolina, community, largely because of the horrific way he was killed. For months, Eric was slowly tortured as arsenic consumed his body. No one thought that Eric Miller's wife, Ann—an attractive, demure, educated scientist—could be capable of such a horrible crime. No one except for veteran homicide investigator Chris Morgan, a man in the twilight of his career. But from the moment Morgan saw the thirty-year-old widow in the interview room at the police department, he knew he was seeing pure evil. Now, journalist Amanda Lamb details Morgan's dogged investigation—a quest for the truth that would last four years and see another life taken before Ann Miller's tangled web of death and deceit finally came to light.

We Are Not the Same, and That's Okay - Inc.
Tlc Operations 2020-02-11

Founded in 1969 and located in Raleigh, North Carolina, Tammy Lynn Center empowers individuals of all abilities to live their fullest life. Their programs include Early Childhood Intervention Services, Educational Services, Home & Community Based Services, Applied Behavioral Analysis, Therapy Services, and Residential Services. More information about Tammy Lynn Center can be found at www.nctlc.org

I Love You to God and Back - Amanda Lamb 2012

Chronicles the connection a mother and daughter have with each other and God through their nightly prayers.

Smotherhood - Amanda Lamb 2007

Television reporter and parent Amanda Lamb connects with other mums by capturing funny little slices of the parenting experience in a raw, edgy retelling of personal anecdotes. She reveals both her resistance to being changed by motherhood in 'uncool' ways and her

gratefulness that her kids do make her a better person.

I Love You to God and Back - Amanda Lamb 2013-11-05

Show your precious little ones how much you love them . . . with every bedtime prayer.

Everyone loves a sweet bedtime story—and this one has the added bonus of teaching children a lifestyle of healthy prayer. Starting with sweet and silly text about bedtime routines—teeth brushing, story time, and one more glass of water—this delightful book will then teach children how to pray: love God, ask Him for forgiveness, thank Him for many blessings, and offer requests. Throughout the bedtime rituals, Mommy and Baby giggle as they play a game to describe how much they love each other. This unique story will make bedtime prayers a real learning and bonding experience for parents and children. This complement to Amanda's beautiful book for grown-ups is a perfect bedtime book for parents and children.

Confessions of a Dangerous Lord - Elisa Braden
2017-06-20

Class Mom - Laurie Gelman 2017-08

"Jen Dixon is not your typical Kansas City kindergarten class mom--or mom in general. Jen already has two college-age daughters by two different (probably) musicians, and it's her second time around the class mom block with five-year-old Max--this time with a husband and father by her side. Though her best friend and PTA president sees her as the wisest candidate for the job (or oldest), not all of the other parents agree"--

Cobble Hill - Cecily von Ziegesar 2020-11-10

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the Gossip Girl series, a deliciously irresistible novel chronicling a year in the life of four families in an upscale Brooklyn neighborhood as they seek purpose, community, and meaningful relationships—until one unforgettable night at a raucous neighborhood party knocks them to

their senses. Welcome to Cobble Hill. In this eclectic Brooklyn neighborhood, private storms brew amongst four married couples and their children. There's ex-groupie Mandy, so underwhelmed by motherhood and her current physical state that she fakes a debilitating disease to get the attention of her skateboarding, ex-boyband member husband Stuart. There's the unconventional new school nurse, Peaches, on whom Stuart has an unrequited crush, and her disappointing husband Greg, who wears noise-cancelling headphones—everywhere. A few blocks away, Roy, a well-known, newly transplanted British novelist, has lost the thread of his next novel and his marriage to capable, indefatigable Wendy. Around the corner, Tupper, the nervous, introverted industrial designer with a warehouse full of prosthetic limbs struggles to pin down his elusive artist wife Elizabeth. She remains...elusive. Throw in two hormonal teenagers, a ten-year-old pyromaniac, a drug

dealer pretending to be a doctor, and a lot of hidden cameras, and you've got a combustible mix of egos, desires, and secrets bubbling in brownstone Brooklyn. Smart, sophisticated, yet surprisingly tender, Cobble Hill is highly entertaining portrait of contemporary family life and the colorful characters who call Brooklyn home.

Confessions of the Other Mother - Harlyn Aizley
2006-05-01

Lambda Literary finalist, LGBT Anthology One of the few books to explore lesbian parenting, these "hilarious, heart-wrenching, painfully honest tales of mommyhood" celebrate the ups and downs of being an LGBTQIA+ parent in the 21st century (Joey Solloway, creator of Transparent) After author Harlyn Aizley gave birth to her daughter, she watched in unanticipated horror as her partner scooped up the baby and said, "I'm your new mommy!" While they both had worked to find the perfect sperm donor, Aizley had spent nine months

carrying the baby and hours in labor, so how could her partner claim to be their child's mommy? Many diapers later, Aizley began to appreciate the complexity of her partner's new role as the other mother. Together, they searched for stories about families like their own, in which a woman has chosen to forgo her own birth experience so that she might support her partner in hers. They found very few. Now, in Confessions of the Other Mother, Aizley has put together an exciting collection of personal stories by women like her partner who are creating new parenting roles, redefining motherhood, and reshaping our view of two-parent families. Contributors include Hillary Goodridge, who was one of the lead plaintiffs in the case for same-sex marriage in Massachusetts, stand-up comedian Judy Gold, and psychologist and author Suzanne M. Johnson. This candid peek into a previously unexamined side of lesbian parenting is full of stories that are sometimes humorous, sometimes

moving, but at all times celebratory. Each parenting tale sheds light on the many facets of motherhood, offering gay and straight readers alike a deeper understanding of what it means to love and parent in the twenty-first century.

Little Children - Tom Perrotta 2007-04-01

Tom Perrotta's thirty-ish parents of young children are a varied and surprising bunch. There's Todd, the handsome stay-at-home dad dubbed "The Prom King" by the moms of the playground; Sarah, a lapsed feminist with a bisexual past, who seems to have stumbled into a traditional marriage; Richard, Sarah's husband, who has found himself more and more involved with a fantasy life on the internet than with the flesh and blood in his own house; and Mary Ann, who thinks she has it all figured out, down to scheduling a weekly roll in the hay with her husband, every Tuesday at 9pm. They all raise their kids in the kind of sleepy American suburb where nothing ever seems to happen—at least until one eventful summer, when a

convicted child molester moves back to town, and two restless parents begin an affair that goes further than either of them could have imagined. Unexpectedly suspenseful, but written with all the fluency and dark humor of Perrotta's previous novels, Little Children exposes the adult dramas unfolding amidst the swingsets and slides of an ordinary American playground.

She Looks Just Like You - Amie Klemptauer Miller 2010-05-04

After ten years of talking about children, two years of trying (and failing) to conceive, and one shot of donor sperm for her partner, Amie Miller was about to become a mother. Or something like that. Over the next nine months, as her partner became the biological mom-to-be, Miller became . . . what? Mommy's little helper? A faux dad? As a midwestern, station wagon-driving, stay-at-home mom—and as a nonbiological lesbian mother—Miller both defines and defies the norm. Like new parents everywhere, she wrestled with the anxieties and challenges of

first-time parenthood—including neurotic convictions that her child was chronically ill and the muddled confusion of sleeplessness. But unlike most mothers, she experienced pregnancy and birth only vicariously. Unlike biological parents, she had to stand before a judge to adopt her own daughter. And unlike most straight parents, she wondered how to respond when strangers gushed, "I bet Daddy's proud," or "She has your eyes." Miller began searching for a role that would fit her experience, somewhere in the unexplored zone between mother and father, gay and straight. Sometimes she felt like a dad in drag, other times like a lesbian June Cleaver. Through it all, she and her partner became something new—even as the presence of a baby rattled the bones of their eighteen-year relationship. Part love story, part comedy, part quest, Miller's candid and often humorous memoir is a much-needed cultural roadmap to what it means to become a parent, even when the usual categories do not fit. From the

Hardcover edition.

Copygirl - Anna Mitchael 2015

"Mad Men meets The Devil Wears Prada in this lively debut about a young woman working at the hippest ad agency in New York... So. You want to work in advertising. The glitz, the glamour, the cocktail-fueled brainstorming sessions and Xbox breaks. Sounds like a dream job, right? Wrong. The reality can be a nightmare. There are five simple rules for succeeding in the ad world--and I think I've already broken every single one... 1) Never let them see you cry. Even if your best friend breaks your heart. And posts it all over social media. 2) Be one of the boys. And, if you were born with the wrong equipment, flaunt what you've got to distract them while you get ahead. 3) Come up with the perfect pitch in an instant--or have your resume ready to go at all times. 4) Trust no one. Seriously. If you don't watch your back, they'll steal your ideas, your pride, even your stapler. 5) Most importantly, don't ever, under any

circumstances, be a CopyGirl. Trust me. I know."--

Confessions of a Shopaholic - Sophie Kinsella
2003-03-04

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Party Crasher* and *Love Your Life* comes "a hilarious tale . . . hijinks worthy of classic I Love Lucy episodes . . . too good to pass up." (USA Today) "Sophie Kinsella keeps her finger on the cultural pulse, while leaving me giddy with laughter."—Jojo Moyes, author of *The Giver of Stars* and *The Last Letter from Your Lover* Becky Bloomwood has a fabulous flat in London's trendiest neighborhood, a troupe of glamorous socialite friends, and a closet brimming with the season's must-haves. The only trouble is, she can't actually afford it—not any of it. Her job writing at *Successful Saving* magazine not only bores her to tears, it doesn't pay much at all. And lately Becky's been chased by dismal letters from the bank—letters with large red sums she can't bear to read. She tries

cutting back. But none of her efforts succeeds. Her only consolation is to buy herself something . . . just a little something. Finally a story arises that Becky actually cares about, and her front-page article catalyzes a chain of events that will transform her life—and the lives of those around her—forever. Praise for Sophie Kinsella and *Confessions of a Shopaholic* "Kinsella's Bloomwood is plucky and funny. . . . You won't have to shop around to find a more winning protagonist."—People "If a crème brûlée could be transmogrified into a book, it would be *Confessions of a Shopaholic*."—The Star-Ledger "A have-your-cake-and-eat-it romp, done with brio and not a syllable of moralizing. . . . Kinsella has a light touch and puckish humor."—Kirkus Reviews

Cat and Nat's Mom Secrets - Catherine Belknap
2022-03-29

The bestselling authors of *Cat and Nat's Mom Truths* go deeper than ever before with outrageous revelations and relatable stories that

let every mom know she's not alone. Remember when you were first expecting, and it seemed like every woman on the planet who had ever given birth felt the need to warn you? Your life is about to change forever! With seven kids between them, Cat and Nat know a thing or two about the way motherhood turns your life upside down. Fiercely committed to dismantling the pressure to be perfect, they've connected with their audience by sharing their completely real take on the stress, guilt, and joy of being a mom. One might even say they've made a brand of oversharing. In their first book, they shared short dispatches and advice from the trenches. Now, Cat and Nat have invited the legion of moms who love them to share their own deepest darkest parenting secrets, and use those to kick off their own stories, going deeper about big topics like guilt, balancing career with motherhood, and body image. Cat dives into the Bachelor-inspired trend of taking your kids on "one-on-one's" and shakes off the guilt when she

doesn't have the time/energy/helicopter to pull it off. Nat explains why her husband is completely off base when he "romantically" refers to her as his best friend (obviously, Cat already fills that role!). And Cat and Nat finally share the skincare routine that a lot of you have been asking about (it involves the car mirror and severely delayed deodorant application). These moments of truth are wildly funny, but also universal and oh-so-relatable. Grab a weighted blanket and curl up with this book for the comfort and camaraderie every mom needs.

Lady Secrets - Keltie Knight 2022-09-20

A manifesto for revealing and reclaiming unladylike behavior from the New York Times bestselling authors of *Act Like a Lady* and hosts of the popular podcast *LadyGang*. Every lady has a secret. A secret so humiliating, embarrassing, scandalous, or disgraceful that you haven't told a soul—not your closest friends, family, lovers, or doctors. There is so much shame surrounding hiding secrets, and, frankly, enough is enough.

The truth is, there is power and freedom in releasing those dirty little secrets out into the big, bad universe. It gives you that same sweet relief as taking off an underwire bra at the end of a long, crappy day. That's why Keltie Knight, Becca Tobin, and Jac Vanek—hosts of the LadyGang podcast—set their secrets free: the good, the bad, and the diarrhea. The LadyGang wanted to offer their large and loyal community a chance to join them in exposing the messy truths of their lives, and so, Lady Secrets was born: confessional essays from the trio themselves and an incredible crowdsourced collection of secrets from other ladies around the world. Secrets ranging from silly little white lies to cringey misadventures to soul-baring truths. And as it turns out, exposing your deepest and darkest helps you realize that we are all way more alike than we could have ever imagined. Everyone seems to have a bizarre body malfunction, a hookup gone terribly wrong, and a soul-crushing experience that haunts them

forever. And maybe that elaborate revenge plot you carried out against your cheating ex was actually kind of badass (in spite of being slightly illegal). It's time we stop feeling ashamed of our (un)ladylike habits and own the real, raw, and ridiculous things that make you authentically you.

Partner Track - Cat Wynn 2022-04-26

Making a case for love has never been so complicated in this fresh, funny rivals-to-lovers romance. Perdie Stone needs just three things in life: Her forever best friend, Lucille. Their adorable rescue pug, Bananas. And last but not least, a coveted partnership at her Charleston law firm. A partnership she more than deserves when she goes head-to-head with hotshot Ivy League attorney Carter Leplan on a big case and comes out on top. She didn't think anything would feel better than beating the annoyingly gorgeous lawyer at his own game, but that's before a freak storm leaves them both stranded. Together. In the last hotel room. With only one

bed. It's a one-night stand Perdie isn't soon to forget...especially after Carter turns up at her firm and slides right into the job that should have been hers. And right back into her life—a life she thought she had all figured out.

New Books on Women, Gender and Feminism - 2008

Motherhood Comes Naturally (and Other Vicious Lies) - Jill Smokler 2013-04-09

From the New York Times bestselling author of *Confessions of a Scary Mommy* and the wildly popular blog *ScaryMommy.com*, a hilarious new essay collection that exposes the “vicious lies” that every parent is told. Newly pregnant and scared out of her mind, Jill Smokler lay on her gynecologist's examination table and was told the biggest lie she'd ever heard in her life: “Motherhood is the most natural thing in the world.” Instead of quelling her nerves like that well intentioned nurse hoped to, Jill was instead set up for future of questioning exactly what

DNA strand she was missing that made the whole motherhood experience feel less than natural to her. Wonderful? Yes. Miraculous? Of course. Worthwhile? Without a doubt. But natural? Not so much. Jill's first memoir, the New York Times bestseller *Confessions of a Scary Mommy*, rocketed to national fame with its down and dirty details about life with her three precious bundles of joy. Now Jill returns with all-new essays debunking more than twenty pervasive myths about motherhood. She's here to give you what few others will dare: The truth. *I'm Just Happy to Be Here* - Janelle Hanchett 2018-05-01

"A refreshingly raw, contrasting perspective on the foolproof idea of motherhood."--POPSUGAR
"By turns painful and funny... A searingly candid memoir."--Kirkus
"Far from your cookie-cutter story of addiction... [I'm Just Happy to Be Here] describes Hanchett's journey to recovery and sobriety in imperfect and unconventional ways."--Bustle
In this unflinching and wickedly funny

memoir, Janelle Hanchett tells the story of finding her way home. And then, actually staying there. Drawing us into the wild, heartbreaking mind of the addict, Hanchett carries us from motherhood at 21 with a man she'd known three months to cubicles and whiskey-laden domesticity, from judging meth addicts in rehab to therapists who "seem to pull diagnoses out of large, expensive hats." With warmth, wit, and searing B.S. detectors turned mostly toward herself, Hanchett invites us to laugh when we probably shouldn't and to rejoice at the unconventional redemption she finds in desperation and in a misfit mentor who forces her to see the truth of herself. A story of ego and forced humility, of fierce honesty and jagged love, of the kind of failure that forces us to re-create our lives, Hanchett writes with rare candor, scorching the "sanctity of motherhood," and leaving beauty in the ashes.

Sharing Care - Robert Ziegler 2013-05-13

First Published in 1999. Routledge is an imprint

of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

This One Is Mine - Maria Semple 2008-12-04

Violet Parry is living the quintessential life of luxury in the Hollywood Hills with David, her rock-and-roll manager husband, and her darling toddler, Dot. She has the perfect life--except that she's deeply unhappy. David expects the world of Violet but gives little of himself in return. When she meets Teddy, a roguish small-time bass player, Violet comes alive, and soon she's risking everything for the chance to find herself again. Also in the picture are David's hilariously high-strung sister, Sally, on the prowl for a successful husband, and Jeremy, the ESPN sportscaster savant who falls into her trap. For all their recklessness, Violet and Sally will discover that David and Jeremy have a few surprises of their own. **THIS ONE IS MINE** is a compassionate and wickedly funny satire about our need for more--and the often disastrous choices we make in the name of happiness.

Don't Lick the Minivan - Leanne Shirtcliffe

2015-11-03

As a woman used to traveling and living the high life in Bangkok, Leanne Shirliffe recognized the constant fodder for humor while pregnant with twins in Asia's sin city. But in spite of deep-fried bug cuisine and nurses who cover newborn bassinets with plastic wrap, Shirliffe manages to keep her babies alive for a year with help from a Coca-Cola deliveryman, several waitresses, and a bra factory. Then she and her husband return home to the isolation of North American suburbia. In *Don't Lick the Minivan*, Shirliffe captures the bizarre aspects of parenting in her edgy, honest voice. She explores the hazards of everyday life with children such as: The birthday party where neighborhood kids took home skin rashes from the second-hand face paint she applied. The time she discovered her twins carving their names into her minivan's paint with rocks. The funeral she officiated for "Stripper Barbie." The horror of glitter. And much more! Shirliffe eventually

realizes that even if she can't teach her kids how to tie their shoelaces, she's a good enough mom. At least good enough to start saving for her twins' therapy fund. And possibly her own. Shirliffe's memoir might not replace a therapist, but it is a lot cheaper.

Confessions of a Domestic Failure - Bunmi Laditan 2017-05-02

Instant Bestseller "Freaking hilarious. This is the novel moms have been waiting for."—Jenny Lawson, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Let's Pretend This Never Happened* "Perfect for readers looking for a funny, realistic look at motherhood."—Booklist (starred review) From the creator of *The Honest Toddler* comes a fiction debut sure to be a must-read for moms everywhere There are good moms and bad moms—and then there are hot-mess moms. Introducing Ashley Keller, career girl turned stay-at-home mom who's trying to navigate the world of Pinterest-perfect, Facebook-fantastic and Instagram-impressive mommies but failing

miserably. When Ashley gets the opportunity to participate in the Motherhood Better boot camp run by the mommy-blog-empire maven she idolizes, she jumps at the chance to become the perfect mom she's always wanted to be. But will she fly high or flop? With her razor-sharp wit and knack for finding the funny in everything, Bunmi Laditan creates a character as flawed and lovable as Bridget Jones or Becky Bloomwood while hilariously lambasting the societal pressures placed upon every new mother. At its heart, Ashley's story reminds moms that there's no way to be perfect, but many ways to be great.

Love and Other Impossible Pursuits - Ayelet Waldman 2007-02-13

In this moving, wry, and candid novel, widely acclaimed novelist Ayelet Waldman takes us through one woman's passage through love, loss, and the strange absurdities of modern life. Emilia Greenleaf believed that she had found her soulmate, the man she was meant to spend her life with. But life seems a lot less rosy when

Emilia has to deal with the most neurotic and sheltered five-year-old in New York City: her new stepson William. Now Emilia finds herself trying to flag down taxis with a giant, industrial-strength car seat, looking for perfect, strawberry-flavored, lactose-free cupcakes, receiving corrections on her French pronunciation from her supercilious stepson - and attempting to find balance in a new family that's both larger, and smaller, than she bargained for. In *Love and Other Impossible Pursuits* Ayelet Waldman has created a novel rich with humor and truth, perfectly characterizing one woman's search for answers in a crazily uncertain world.

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Confessions of a First-Time Mum - Poppy Dolan 2018-06-25

'Baby groups: a soft, cosy haven for the new mum, right? Um. No. Or is it just me?' Stevie's life has changed beyond recognition since

having her first baby. She loves being a mum, but between the isolation and being vomited on five times a day, she really wishes she had someone to talk to. With husband Ted working hard to keep the family afloat, Stevie doesn't want to burden him with her feelings. Turning to the internet, Stevie starts the anonymous First-Time Mum blog and blasts the rose-tinted glasses of parenthood right off her readers. In the real world, Stevie meets the formidable Nelle and gorgeous Will, along with their own little treasures, and starts to realise that being a 'perfect mum' isn't everything. But when the secret blog goes viral, Stevie must make some tough choices about who she wants to be, and whether she's ready for the world to know the truth... A perfect laugh-out-loud read for fans of Gill Sims, Fiona Gibson and Milly Johnson. Praise for Confessions of a First-Time Mum: "The

story and the writing was hilarious, but the sentiment within it was awfully, wonderfully true' Lilac Mills, author of Love in the City by the Sea 'A light funny and sometimes laugh out loud story!' 5* Reader review 'A fun, laugh out loud book also with lots of tender moments. Perfect for new mums, old mums and no mums! Everyone can enjoy this book! Would definitely recommend!' Stardust Book Reviews 'A fantastic, relatable read for anyone who has children of their own. Hell, even if I didn't have a child, I am sure I still would have loved reading about Stevie' The Writing Garnet 'Where the baby wipes was this book when my daughter was born?!' The Writing Garnet **Smotherhood™** - Amanda Lamb 2007-08-01 A raw, funny, and irreverent collection of stories on parenting in the twenty-first century.