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A brother and sister cope with loss and trauma—and fight to keep what's left of their family together—in a “compelling” novel by a Newbery Honor Medal winner. Jenna and Jeremy knew their parents' marriage was in trouble. That was pretty obvious. But no one who knew the family could have predicted what would come next. One afternoon, Jenna and Jeremy are pulled from class and given horrifying news: their father, a college psychologist, has just shot their mother to death on a public street. Now, Mom is dead, Dad is in jail, and a fifth-grade boy and his fourteen-year-old sister have a lot to reconcile. Not only grief, anger, confusion, and guilt—but their dad's motive, the secrets in their mother's diary, and shifting loyalties that are driving Jenna and Jeremy even further apart. With their fragile new lives in free fall, and their father about to stand trial, they're now going to have to confront the unimaginable. From an author who has been a finalist for the National Book Award, among numerous other honors, this is “a compelling story suffused with raw and honest emotion” (Kirkus Reviews) and “a taut psychological mystery” (Publishers Weekly).

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An eminent, ageing Australian writer is invited to contribute to a book entitled

Strong Opinions. For him, troubled by Australia's complicity in the wars in the Middle East, it is a chance to air some urgent concerns: how should a citizen of a modern democracy react to their state's involvement in an immoral war on terror, a war that involves the use of torture? Then in the laundry room of his apartment block he encounters an alluring young woman. He offers her work typing up his manuscript. Anya is not interested in politics, but the job will be a welcome distraction, as will the writer's evident attraction towards her. Her boyfriend, Alan, is an investment consultant who understands the world in harsh economic terms. Suspicious of his trophy girlfriend's new pastime, Alan begins to formulate a plan...

When Major Gryffth Hockaday is called to the front lines of the Civil War, his new bride is left to care for her husband's three-hundred-acre farm and infant son. Placidia, a mere teenager herself living far from her family and completely unprepared to run a farm or raise a child, must endure the darkest days of the war on her own. By the time Major Hockaday returns two years later, Placidia is bound for jail, accused of having borne a child in his absence and murdering it. What really transpired in the two years he was away? A love story, a story of racial divide, and a story of the South as it fell in the war, The Second Mrs. Hockaday reveals how this generation—and the next—began to see their world anew.

Christmas. A time for family. But what if your family is a total mess? Juliette and Alex are finally getting hitched, which should be joyous news. But Juliette is now entering "blended family" territory: Alex will be Daisy's stepfather, and Daisy's real father is not happy about it. Yes, after messing up Juliette's family the first time around, Nick is still trying to elbow his way back into her life, doing everything he can to stop her from being with Alex. And Alex's family are hardly rolling out the red carpet. To them, their new daughter-in-law

is a slattern with a Jaffa Cake addiction. But Christmas is the thing that will bring them all together. And Juliette is determined that this Christmas will be a wonderfully happy family affair. Determined. Now, where did she put that Jaffa Cake? The fourth in Suzy K. Quinn's bestselling Bad Mother series is a sparkly, shiny Christmas romantic comedy for mothers, and the perfect Yuletide treat.

In 2007, Diary of a Wimpy Kid was published, introducing readers to Greg Heffley and his family, his best friend Rowley Jefferson, and the dreaded Cheese Touch. More than 250 million copies later, Diary of a Wimpy Kid has become a beloved book all around the world, and now, for the first time ever, Greg's diary-um, make that journal-is coming to life in a full-color, 3D animated Disney+ production. Whether you're meeting Greg for the first time or you're a lifelong fan of Jeff Kinney's hilarious series, you'll love diving into the Wimpy Kid universe.

Whatever your age, becoming a mum for the first time brings excitement, anxiety and numerous challenges... But how do you cope when you discover you're old enough to be the mother of everyone in your NCT group? The story of one woman, one baby, a slipped disc and rather too many wrinkles, The Secret Diary of a New Mum (Aged 43 1/4) follows the tale of a midlife mum as she tries to make the transition from experienced TV producer to utterly inexperienced parent. Whether deftly side-stepping questions about age and baby number two, or weeping as younger counterparts ping back into their size ten jeans within thirty seconds of giving birth, Cari approaches the shared experiences of an ever-increasing number of mothers with insight, humour and honesty. ***Praise for The Secret Diary of a New Mum*** 'Hilariously candid.' Daily Mail 'Brilliantly observed... funny, embarrassing and yet cruelly honest. It feels good to laugh about it, now the stitches are out.' Fay Ripley 'Warm, witty and very, very wise the perfect antidote to all those po--

faced pregnancy books. As a fellow "Geriatric Mother" I found myself constantly laughing and nodding along in agreement.' Imogen Edwards-Jones

Mich'elle is the true definition of a single mother. She raises her kids the best she can by herself with no help from her children's fathers or even her own family. After such a bad childhood and feeling left alone in the world, she felt that God blessed her with beautiful gifts that finally made her life worth living. But the struggles of managing a one parent home because her children's fathers are deadbeats can be overwhelming. The trials and tribulations she faces in this thing called life put her in an awkward position and her freedom and sanity on the line. A mother's job is never done. When you are a MOTHER you're already born with the superwoman Cape right? As a mother you have no choice but to always have everything under control. But if people only knew what Mother's really go through the sacrifices that are made for her children and her peace of mind on a daily. Many are on the outside looking in, if you've never been a mother, please don't insult one being a single mother isn't impossible, but it's not always too easy either. In this standalone novel your mind will venture to the memoirs of Mich'elle, seeing things from her perspective, in the diary of a true single mother.

"The Baby Lady Diaries is a hilarious account of motherhood and what it's really like to juggle eight children, a husband, hordes of animals, and the PTA!" - LUCIE WHEELER "Prepare to enter the unique and endearing world of Alice Babylady. From adjusting to rural living, juggling being a wife, friend and mother of eight; alongside caring for an ever increasing wacky menagerie of animals. To what she really thinks about Beryl, the mother-in-law from hell. Nothing is off limits. Even that notorious, and completely hilarious, poo related 'very bad accident' in Pizza Express. -Alice Babylady's candid and relatable writing style makes this debut to her laugh out loud memoir series, The Baby Lady Diaries, simply unmissable. -Perfect for fans of 'Why Mummy Drinks,' 'The Bad Mother's Diary' and 'The Unmumsy Mum'. -WHAT READERS ARE SAYING: " Warm, funny and addictive" " The literacy equivalent of a hug and your favourite dressing gown" " I laughed non-stop and I now want to be a Babylady!" " Woke my husband up laughing while reading in bed next to him, I cannot wait for book two" " Cosy, warm, relatable and really funny!" " Pure escapism"-

Cartoon Cathy meets Erma Bombeck in

this hilarious collection of short stories that will keep you laughing and crying from cover to cover. Christine Hohlbaum reels you into the world of child mayhem as she recounts tales of life with small children. From potty-training to the magic of Santa Claus, this book tells all about the ups and downs of parenting. A splendid addition to your leisure reading list!

This appealing teen read tells the story of Katie, a teen from an abused home, and her journey through foster care. Katie is always surrounded by wealth, but feels terribly alone because of the secret horror of her angry, abusive father. When she's thrown out of her house and put into foster care, it seems like the end of the world. But as she moves through the foster care system, she begins to realize that she can help others. Can she, at last, find courage and strength of her own?

She's back! The Unmumsy Mum has put pen to paper (or fingers to the keyboard!) once more to bring you the next instalment of her life as mum to two young boys, documenting motherhood exactly as she finds it. Her words have made mums, dads and grandparents everywhere laugh and cry in equal measure. In The Unmumsy Mum Diary Sarah shares with us a year in her life as a mum, wife, blogger and bestselling author. With her trademark candour and wit, she documents the good days and the bad days, the giggles and the tantrums. She'll also share poignant, life-changing moments from her year, such as her older son heading off through the school gates for the first time. The Unmumsy Mum Diary is as honest as it is hilarious and a peek into Sarah's innermost thoughts will leave you in no doubt that, on those days when you feel you are not quite cut out for the job, you are most definitely not alone.

This daily work planner is the perfect planner to use if you are a busy Mom. Plan your meals, your personal time, your goals, your beauty sleep and your pep talk to your children. Awesome journal deigned for mothers. Order yours now and plan your busy days cooking, cleaning and organizing.

Diane Wilson is an activist, shrimper, and all around hell-raiser whose first book, *An Unreasonable Woman*, told of her battle to save her bay in Seadrift, Texas. Back then, she was an accidental activist who worked with whistleblowers, organized protests, and eventually sunk her own boat to stop the plastic-manufacturing giant Formosa from releasing dangerous chemicals into water she shrimped in, grew up on, and loved. But, it turns out, the fight against Formosa was just the beginning. In *Diary*

of an Eco-Outlaw, Diane writes about what happened as she began to fight injustice not just in Seadrift, but around the world--taking on Union Carbide for its failure to compensate those injured in the Bhopal disaster, cofounding the women's antiwar group Code Pink to protest the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, attempting a citizens arrest of Dick Cheney, famously covering herself with fake oil and demanding the arrest of then BP CEO Tony Hayward as he testified before Congress, and otherwise becoming a world-class activist against corporate injustice, war, and environmental crimes. As George Bernard Shaw once said, "all progress depends on unreasonable women." And in the *Diary of an Eco-Outlaw*, the eminently unreasonable Wilson delivers a no-holds-barred account of how she--a fourth-generation shrimper, former boat captain, and mother of five--took a turn at midlife, unable to stand by quietly as she witnessed abuses of people and the environment. Since then, she has launched legislative campaigns, demonstrations, and hunger strikes--and generally gotten herself in all manner of trouble. All worth it, says Wilson. Jailed more than 50 times for civil disobedience, Wilson has stood up for environmental justice, and peace, around the world--a fact that has earned her many kudos from environmentalists and peace activists alike, and that has forced progress where progress was hard to come by.

Based on diaries and email correspondence that she kept from 1981-2004, here *Suad Amiry* evokes daily life in the West Bank town of Ramallah. Capturing the frustrations, cabin fever, and downright misery of her experiences, Amiry writes with elegance and humor about the enormous difficulty of moving from one place to another, the torture of falling in love with someone from another town, the absurdity of her dog receiving a Jerusalem identity card when thousands of Palestinians could not, and the trials of having her ninety-two-year-old mother-in-law living in her house during a forty-two-day curfew. With a wickedly sharp ear for dialogue and a keen eye for detail, Amiry gives us an original, ironic, and firsthand glimpse into the absurdity--and agony--of life in the Occupied Territories.

A brutally honest and hilarious memoir from an over-forty first-time mom. Veteran journalist and *Ladies Home Journal* columnist, Judith Newman spent seven years and \$70,000 on infertility treatments, and finally, at age forty, she became pregnant with twins. *You Make Me Feel Like an Unnatural Woman* is not only her account of having children later in life: it's about what happens to a marriage -- and to the spirit,

when even the most sought-after baby comes. Wry, warm, and brutally honest, this is the book for any woman who has awakened at 3 AM to the insistent shrieks of her darling and thought: Oh man, I'm too old for this.

While trying to find a new best friend after feuding with Rowley, middle-school slacker Greg Heffley is warned by older family members that adolescence is a time to act more responsibly and to think seriously about his future.

Bestselling author Sherman Alexie tells the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the rez to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. Heartbreaking, funny, and beautifully written, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, which is based on the author's own experiences, coupled with poignant drawings by Ellen Forney that reflect the character's art, chronicles the contemporary adolescence of one Native American boy as he attempts to break away from the life he was destined to live. With a forward by Markus Zusak, interviews with Sherman Alexie and Ellen Forney, and four-color interior art throughout, this edition is perfect for fans and collectors alike.

A personal view of pregnancy from the wife of chef Jamie Oliver.

Frida Liu is a struggling mother. She remembers taking Harriet from her cot and changing her nappy. She remembers giving her a morning bottle. They'd been up since four am. Frida just had to finish the article in front of her. But she'd left a file on her desk at work. What would happen if she retrieved it and came back in an hour? She was so sure it would be okay. Now, the state has decided that Frida is not fit to care for her daughter. That she must be re-educated. Can this mistake cost her everything? **THE SCHOOL FOR GOOD MOTHERS** is an explosive and thrilling novel about the pressures of perfectionism, parenthood and privilege.

As a mother, you love your kids. You'd do anything for them, but chances are, at some point in their childhood, you've probably wondered, "What in the world was I thinking?" Even if you'll never admit it, if you've ever wished for Calgon to take you away, then *The Motherhood Diaries* is for you! As the working mother of three children, ReShonda Tate Billingsley knows motherhood isn't a perfect science. She openly shares stories with her thousands of followers on social media about her children: thirteen-year-old Mya, the diva

whose Instagram post—and subsequent punishment—went viral; to ten-year-old Morgan, who has a serious case of middle-child syndrome and a knack for giving her teachers a few of her mother's favorite things; and finally, Myles, a witty and precocious five-year-old who, as his grandmother says, "has been here before." It was while chronicling her journey that she discovered she wasn't the only mother who longed for the days when she could use the restroom in peace, who sometimes sat in the driveway because she didn't want to go in the house, and who sometimes wondered, Is this what I signed up for? Hence, *The Motherhood Diaries* was born. Through humorous and enlightening dialogue and narrative, ReShonda chronicles her own journey, as well as reveals candid imperfections of a mother trying to balance it all. With humorous and heartwarming stories from other mothers also trying to "get it right," *The Motherhood Diaries* shares candid and honest conversations about the good, the bad and the downright disastrous path of mothering in the New Millennium.

Why Mummy Drinks meets *Bridget Jones*. The first in the bestselling comedy series. Juliette is a new mother, but life isn't going the way she'd hoped. She doesn't live in a cottage with roses around the door. She doesn't own a rolling pin. And Daisy's out-of-work actor father still hasn't proposed. While Juliette sobs her way through sleepless nights and nappy changes, Nick drinks Guinness and plays computer games. Meanwhile, his helicopter mother is always on hand to find fault—with Juliette. At least when Nick pops the question, things will look up...won't they? With a supporting cast including Juliette's over-honest mother, potty-mouthed grandmother, militant hippy best friend, and handsome-but-scarred hotel magnate Alex Dalton, the first in Suzy K Quinn's hilarious, bestselling *Bad Mother* series is a sassy, uplifting, addictive treat.

The Glass Castle meets *The Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother* in this dazzlingly honest and provocative family memoir by former child actress and current Fox Business Network anchor Melissa Francis. When Melissa Francis was eight years old, she won the role of lifetime: playing Cassandra Cooper Ingalls, the little girl who was adopted with her brother (played by young Jason Bateman) by the Ingalls family on the world's most famous primetime soap opera, *Little House on the Prairie*. Despite her age, she was already a veteran actress, living a charmed life, moving from one Hollywood set to the next. But behind the scenes, her success was fueled by the pride, pressure, and sometimes grinding

cruelty of her stage mother, as fame and a mother's ambition pushed her older sister deeper into the shadows. *Diary of a Stage Mother's Daughter* is a fascinating account of life as a child star in the 1980's, and also a startling tale of a family under the care of a highly neurotic, dangerously competitive "tiger mother." But perhaps most importantly, now that Melissa has two sons of her own, it's a meditation on motherhood, and the value of pushing your children: how hard should you push a child to succeed, and at what point does your help turn into harm?

Diary of a Stressed Out Mother is a satirical comedy series about family life. Madness is the second of four books about *Dora Loveday*, a long-suffering, harassed mother of four kids, two unruly dogs, a psychotic cat, and wife to an impulsive and uncompromising husband.

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THE MOTHERHOOD DIARIES 2 In The Motherhood Diaries, ReShonda Tate Billingsley and other mothers shared the good, the bad, and the ugly of raising kids in the new millennium. Now, they're back with more hilarious and heartwarming musings on motherhood. Motherhood can be

the toughest - and funniest - job you'll ever have. Raising kids is hard work, but humor can make the journey a little easier - even if you just have to laugh to keep from crying. In The Motherhood Diaries 2, National Bestselling Author, ReShonda Tate Billingsley, uses personal anecdotes from her zoo - formerly known as a family - to show how humor helps her navigate the minefield of motherhood. This laugh-out-loud read portrays the truths about motherhood that we are either too ashamed or too proud to admit. Through heartwarming and hilarious tales of motherhood, ReShonda and other mothers share their joys, pains, and everything in between. From Tia McCollors, who shows you how to pull life lessons from embarrassing moments; to Gina Johnson, whose circus puts Ringling Brothers to shame; to Janoah White, who learned to let laughter help her deal with a son who has autism; to Denise Leora Madre's hilarious story on how motherhood shattered her naivete - there's something relatable for mothers from all walks of life. Then, stories from mothers like Naleighna Kai will show you how to find faith in the midst of motherhood; Nikki Woods, whose inspiring story will have you wanting to rethink your family legacy; and Regina Cooper, whose Diary of a Mortified Mom will have you double-checking those locks the next time you want to squeeze in quality time with your mate. In all, twenty-five mothers share stories that will help you accept the insanity of motherhood and learn to laugh about it in the process. Finding humor in the raw honesty of life as a mother is a survival mechanism for most of us, and these moms will help you see you're not alone in this refreshing, hilarious take on motherhood.

From her appearances on 16 and Pregnant and then Teen Mom 2, Jenelle Evans's life was put on display for all to see, and all to judge. Everyone thinks they know her, but what the audience can't see runs deeper than what is left on the editing room floor. What of Jenelle's complicated life before her newfound fame? An overbearing mother. Erratic siblings. A father who didn't seem to care. Though there was no camera to capture those difficult moments, there were, thankfully, a few well-kept diaries. Join Jenelle as she tells her story through the eyes of her troubled youth, taken from her memories that were scrawled across the pages of her own diaries.

The Diary of a Grieving Mother is just what it says. The inside looks into the mind of a newly bereaved mother. There is no filter, it is raw, and it is real. In this book, Emily

Carpenter tells the story of what led her to be a grieving mother. She tells her story and shares the most intimate thoughts she had in the throes of her early grief experience—the good, the bad, the ugly, and the hideous. She shares this with the world in hopes of letting other grieving mothers know they are not crazy, their feelings are valid, and society has it all wrong. It takes a grieving mother to understand a grieving mother and the pain that we will carry for the rest of our lives.

Mary's Suitcase of Memories is a delightful read. It's a snappy, funny and heartfelt memoir. The book is made up of five diaries written by Mary Buard from 1916 -1921. The diaries were originally handwritten in pencil or ink and were copied to a more legible and printable format. The diaries reveal the joys and sorrows of a young teenage girl. It chronicles her relationship with her close friend Mag, romances, school years and family relationships. It is also a historical read in that it covers concerns regarding the participation of her brothers and great uncle in the Spanish-American War and World War I.... Sophie describes her relationships with a series of boys as she searches for Mr. Right.

With humor and grace, Chesler presents a shockingly honest, raw, and loving account of pregnancy and motherhood which charts the dramatic swings between love and resentment and tears down the myths of blissful maternity.

The Anti-Soccer Mom isn't afraid to tell all. Flipping off the PTA, running through the store dressed as wonder woman for Tampons, Jen Philips has done it all. If it can go wrong and it involved children, Jen has done it with flair, someday she will figure out why there is Jelly on the living room ceiling but until then she is just happy wearing her crown as the world's worst mother and housewife. So maybe its just a pee stained Toilet seat she puts on her head as a tiara, so what, its hers and she owns it!

Meet Katie Sutton. She may just look like your average thirteen-year-old girl but in reality, she's the world's leading expert in Grown Up behavior. And you're in luck because in your hands you hold a one-of-a-kind guide to training your parent and becoming highly skilled at: understanding their insane behavior, predicting their next moves, and operating them to your best advantage. So please keep this book out of the way of your grown up, we don't want them going into "grumpy mode" too soon.

Based on the hugely popular Web site, ScaryMommy.com, this book takes an ir-

reverent look at the unglamorous side of parenting and tackles the issues many mothers are too afraid to expose.

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READER REVIEWS "The funniest book I've read in years. Laugh out loud romantic comedy." "The ending will have you crying with joy ..." "Motherhood fiction at its best." "Joyful, funny and uplifting - I could relate to everything Juliette went through." "Brings back all those happy memories of first motherhood. LOVED it!" "Brilliant...though I am not sure that word does it justice. I read this book on a whim while looking for parenting advice books and boy and I glad I did." "Loved this book. Was a fantastic read. Laughed cried then laughed again. Might just read it again now! Loved it!" "I liked the diary style as it broke up the chapters making it easier to stop when my everyday chores needed doing so that it was easy to pick up where i left off.....brilliant idea." BOOK EXTRACT Friday January 1st New Year's Day Back at Mum and Dad's after HUGE row with Nick. Am FURIOUS. Asked him to look after Daisy while I went to the supermarket (when I take her along, I get distracted by the 2-for-1s and buy random things, like jam-filled wagon wheels). Got home to find Nick playing com-

puter games, with TEN empty bottles of original Guinness beside him. TEN BOTTLES! In TWO hours!! went mental. 'I've got a high tolerance for alcohol,' he slurred. 'If I were drunk, I'd never have cracked this part of Assassin's Creed.' I demanded he walk in a straight line, and he fell over. As I was screaming at him, Nick's mum let herself into the apartment. She saw Nick on the floor and said, 'Do sit up straight, darling.' Then she asked what all the fuss was about. I said Nick was getting pissed when he was supposed to be looking after Daisy. 'Oh Nick,' said Helen. 'But Juliette, he has been working all day. He's obviously stressed.' Working! All Nick's done today is read a two-page script for an online poker commercial. 'If I ever need relationship advice from a divorcee,' I told Helen, 'I'll let you know.' Then I screamed at Nick a bit more, threw a bag together and said I was taking Daisy to my parent's house. I would have made a strong, dignified woman exit, except I had to come back for Daisy's pink waffle blanket, Teddy Snuggles, blackout curtain with suckers, spare nappies and finally her Lullaby Light Bear. LOOK INSIDE NOW TO READ MORE Suzy K Quinn. That's me. Helloooooo! I still cannot f***ing BELIEVE so many people read my books. You are all AWESOME and AMAZING. I LOVE YOU SO MUCH! I know many of you are mothers, so hopefully you can relate to what Juliette goes through in the Bad Mother's Diary. And if you're in the mood for some more feel-good romance, check out my hot romances, the Ivy Lessons and the Ice Seduction, for relaxation and escapism. If you want to talk to me in person, wander on over to Facebook and friend request me there. But be quick - I'm

nearly at my Facebook friend limit. www.facebook.com/suzykquinn unmumsy mum laugh out loud romantic comedy a year in the life of a playground mother how to have a baby and not lose your shit life swap feel good romance Part memoir, part sweeping journalistic saga: As Casey Parks follows the mystery of a stranger's past, she is forced to reckon with her own sexuality, her fraught Southern identity, her tortured yet loving relationship with her mother, and the complicated role of faith in her life. When Casey Parks came out as a lesbian in college back in 2002, she assumed her life in the South was over. Her mother shunned her, and her pastor asked God to kill her. But then Parks's grandmother, a stern conservative who grew up picking cotton, pulled her aside and revealed a startling secret. "I grew up across the street from a woman who lived as a man," and then implored Casey to find out what happened to him. Diary of a Misfit is the story of Parks's life-changing journey to unravel the mystery of Roy Hudgins, the small-town country singer from grandmother's youth, all the while confronting ghosts of her own. For ten years, Parks traveled back to rural Louisiana and knocked on strangers' doors, dug through nursing home records, and doggedly searched for Roy's own diaries, trying to uncover what Roy was like as a person—what he felt; what he thought; and how he grappled with his sense of otherness. With an enormous heart and an unstinting sense of vulnerability, Parks writes about finding oneself through someone else's story, and about forging connections across the gulfs that divide us.