

## Childbirth Guide

In our society childbirth is often viewed as something to be feared and even to be avoided, through elective caesarian or extreme pain suppression. In this uplifting book Kristina Turner applies esoteric knowledge to show practical ways of transforming a difficult experience into a positive and deeply spiritual one. Kristina looks closely at the physical processes that take place in the body during pregnancy and childbirth, as well at explaining the facts behind hospital procedures and options for home birth -- providing readers with the necessary knowledge to make their own choices. She feels that birthing should be viewed as a unified process, from the nine months of pregnancy through labour to the many months of breastfeeding; all three stages contribute to developing the bond between mother and child and the child's emotional function. Kristina writes beautifully about the sacred mystery inherent in conception and pregnancy, and guides the new mother towards being a conscious participant in the spiritual process of bringing life into this world. This book is both very practical and hugely inspiring.

A Guide to effective care in pregnancy and childbirth is a clearly written review of the important research evidence on the effects of the various care practices carried out during pregnancy, childbirth, and the early days after birth. In addition to the details provided in the text, the book concludes with valuable tables that list the practices which are beneficial, those of unknown effectiveness, and those likely to be ineffective or harmful.

An authoritative guide to natural childbirth and postpartum parenting options from an MD who home-birthing her own four children. Sarah Buckley might be called a third-wave natural birth advocate. A doctor and a mother, she approaches the question of how a woman and baby might have the most fulfilling birth experience with respect for the wisdom of both medical science and the human body. Using current medical and epidemiological research plus women's experiences (including her own), she demonstrates that what she calls "undisturbed birth" is almost always healthier and safer than high-technology approaches to birth. Her wise counsel on issues like breastfeeding and sleeping during postpartum helps extend the gentle birth experience into a gentle parenting relationship.

A beautifully written, empowering guide to pregnancy the natural way arms mothers-to-be with all the information they need to birth a child "holistically," complete with tips on fitness, nutrition, meditation, and "positive energy" living. Original. 20,000 first printing.

Ina May's Guide to Childbirth Updated With New Material Bantam

As an intelligent woman, you are probably used to learning as much as you can before making major decisions. But when it comes to one of the most important decisions of your life--how you will give birth—it is hard to gather accurate, unbiased information. Surprisingly, much of the research does not support common medical opinion and practice. Birth activist Henci Goer gives clear, concise information based on the latest medical studies. The Thinking Woman's Guide to a Better Birth helps you compare and contrast your various options and shows you how to avoid unnecessary procedures, drugs, restrictions, and tests. The book covers: Cesareans Breech babies Inducing labor Electronic Fetal Monitoring Rupturing Membranes Coping with slow labor Pain medication Epistiotomy Vaginal birth after a Ceasarean Doulas Deciding on a doctor or midwife Choosing where to have your baby and much more . . .

"Designed as an informational resource for patients, Your Pregnancy and Childbirth: Month to Month Seventh Edition sets forth current information and clinical opinions on subjects related to women's health and reproduction. Your pregnancy and Childbirth: Month to Month is a

resource for informational purposes. Topics include getting ready for pregnancy choosing an obstetric care provider what to expect during each month of pregnancy exercise during pregnancy work and travel during pregnancy pain relief during childbirth labor and delivery cesarean delivery postpartum care and taking care of the baby after birth, birth control after pregnancy"--

Create the childbirth plan that's right for you Welcoming a new baby is an exciting and joyous time, but it's natural to be nervous about getting everything ready. The First-Time Parent's Childbirth Handbook empowers you with answers for all your burning questions about giving birth and the days before and after, with space to build a custom birth plan that matches your values and comfort level. Know your options--Explore the pros and cons of giving birth at a birthing center, at home, or in a hospital, so you can make the decision that fits your needs. Be prepared--Find checklists and questions to help you choose your care providers and make sure everyone around you is ready to follow your chosen birth plan. Stay confident--Feel more in control as you learn what to expect during the stages of childbirth and which medical interventions might arise. Make your childbirth journey the one you imagine with The First-Time Parent's Childbirth Handbook.

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In high school, Michael Crider was the jokester, the drummer in a band, the Howie Mandel impersonator. Fast-forward ten years and the funny man has married and become the family man. The Guy's Guide to Surviving Pregnancy, Childbirth, and the First Year of Fatherhood—Crider's candid, down-to-earth account of his transformation—proves that even without much sleep, he has kept his sense of humor completely intact. From the moment he hears the unexpected news that the pregnancy test is positive to the end of his son's first year of life, Michael Crider is awed, anxious, and all-too-human. In between these milestones, he endures the aches and pains of his wife's pregnancy (which had a clear impact on his own bodily comfort), swallows his pride when bunny wallpaper replaces his beloved Budweiser mirror, has a short and only partially-appreciated stint as her labor coach on the Big Day, and experiences every one of his son's "firsts" as though they were his own. Honest, informative, hilarious, and heartwarming, The Guy's Guide to Surviving Pregnancy, Childbirth, and the First Year of Fatherhood is a must-read for all new parents.

Walks expectant parents through the entire nine-month process of giving birth, with tips on choosing delivery options, what to eat and what to wear, exercise, how to deal with the emotional roller coaster, and its effects on the couple's

relationship, with new information on medical practices, genetic testing, conception, and more. Original.

Doulas empower mothers to plan for and secure the birthing experiences they want. Lindsey Bliss provides the resources for creating a sound birth plan and having a positive childbirth experience.

Describes the normal changes brought about at each stage in a pregnancy, provides information on exercise, labor, and care of the newborn, and offers advice on selecting a doctor

The ebook edition of Janet Balaskas classic, bestselling guide to active pregnancy and childbirth. Brings back the common sense that is overlooked by modern obstetrics.

**MUST-HAVE BOOK FOR ALL WOMEN PLANNING A HOMEBIRTH!** Do you dream of a healing, peaceful birth at home, but maybe you need a comprehensive guide and resources to make it happen? Are you planning a homebirth and want to make sure you know what to do every step of the way? Thousands of women have gone before you. Almost all women can have a natural pregnancy and childbirth. Information is power. Knowing your body and what to expect during pregnancy and childbirth is the key to success. This book is a foundational resource for anyone planning an unassisted birth. The Unassisted Baby will help you: - Learn about the dangers of interventions - Do your own prenatal care - Compile the necessary birth supplies - Recognize the signs of labor - Understand the process of labor and childbirth - Prevent complications - Perform a newborn evaluation - Take care of yourself postpartum - Understand what to do in an emergency - Get a birth certificate for your baby - Teach your partner what to do during labor and birth Women have given birth without medical assistance throughout all of history. Even if you aren't planning a homebirth, this book will give you the information you need to give birth safely. **PRAISE FOR THE UNASSISTED BABY** "Anita recently delivered the latest addition to the freebirth genre, The Unassisted Baby. This book is full of comprehensive information about everything to do with freebirthing: why, how, when, before, and after! The Unassisted Baby tells you everything you need to know in order to make the best decisions for yourself and your baby. Warmly recommended!" – Holistic Parenting Magazine [www.TheUnassistedBaby.com](http://www.TheUnassistedBaby.com)

Offers new mothers professional guidance on home health care, postpartum depression, breast-feeding problems, work options, and similar issues.

The emphasis of the manual is on rapid assessment and decision making. The clinical action steps are based on clinical assessment with limited reliance on laboratory or other tests and most are possible in a variety of clinical settings.

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manual to have at hand during the event. The Birth Partner includes thorough information on: Preparing for labor and knowing when it has begun Normal labor and how to help the woman every step of the way Epidurals and other medications for labor Pitocin and other means, including natural ones, to induce or speed up labor Non-drug techniques for easing labor pain Cesarean birth and complications that may require it Breastfeeding and newborn care and much more For the partner who wishes to be truly helpful in the birthing room, this book is indispensable.

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Discusses obstetricians' reluctance to help women have subsequent children naturally after having a cesarean, and provides advice on choosing a willing caregiver and preparing for the birth

**THE FIRST COMPLETE, COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO PAIN RELIEF DURING LABOR AND DELIVERY** Far too many expectant mothers find themselves unprepared when labor begins and natural techniques don't effectively manage the pain. This indispensable guide provides reassuring, proven approaches to combining medical and natural techniques to ensure the most comfortable pain-free labor possible. In Easy Labor, you'll discover • what to expect during labor, and key factors that affect your comfort • the facts on epidurals, safety concerns, and how effectively they reduce pain • the pros and cons of pain-relief medications • complementary and alternative methods, including water immersion, acupuncture, hypnosis, massage, and birth balls • how your choice of hospital or birth center affects your pain-management options • techniques to calm and eliminate the specific fears and stresses associated with childbirth So relax and enjoy your pregnancy, with this important book by your side!

There is no right way or best way to give birth, but if you're pregnant, you're likely already hearing advice and stories about what you should do, how you should feel, and what you should want from your birth experience. Your Birth Plan is an intervention: it's a birth book that equally honors all paths and all pregnant people, guiding and empowering you to make informed decisions, without judgment or prescription, for your own positive birth experience. Long on information, short on opinions, Your Birth Plan is a how-to guide filled with practical descriptions, insights, stories and tips to make it

easier for you to pick where, with whom, and in what way you would like to give birth. Your Birth Plan is comprehensive and free from judgment and prescriptions. It offers unbiased information about all birthing options, including birthing in a hospital, at home, or in a birthing center; having an epidural or an unmedicated birth; induction of labor; vaginal or Cesarean birth; and more. This is a new, inspiring, inclusive, and much-needed guide to help you plan for a birth where you are empowered to make your own choices and to have your needs met, whatever they are.

Caroline Flint is a practicing midwife and one of the most inspirational figures in the world of childbirth. Over the years she has helped hundreds of women give birth comfortably and confidently [from back cover].

"Giving birth is the pivotal moment of a woman's life but it is often treated as a medical procedure, and not as a rite of passage. Birthing from Within offers parents engaging and memorable ways for pregnant women, and their partners, to activate personal, social and spiritual resources that will guide them through labour and afterwards. Many birth classes teach from the 'outside', from the perspective of the professional. Yet, knowledge of anatomy and the stages of labour can often seem irrelevant in the intensity of contraction. The pregnant woman needs to know about labour and birth from her own perspective, she needs to be prepared for birthing from within. Pam England offers a method that allows a woman to fully understand her own strengths and resources. The self-discoveries made during pregnancy makes birth life-enhancing and empowers the future of the family. It is a multi-sensory and holistic approach that aims to make parents feel positively informed about what they are about to experience, confident about the birth of their child. Pain is an inevitable part of childbirth but Birthing from Within provides resources for building pain-coping confidence in parents. It gives detailed instructions on dealing with normal labour pain and when the humane use of drugs may be called for."--Cover.

Available for the first time in full color, the up-to-date and authoritative pregnancy guide that has sold 1.5 million copies--by recognizing that "one size fits all" doesn't apply to maternity care Parents love this book because it puts them in control; experts love it because it's based on the latest medical research and recommendations from leading health organizations. Pregnancy, Childbirth, and the Newborn provides the information and guidance you need to make informed decisions about having a safe and satisfying pregnancy, birth, and postpartum period--decisions that reflect your preferences, priorities, and values. Unlike pregnancy guides that can overwhelm and alarm by telling you up front all the things that can possibly go wrong, this book first describes normal, healthy processes, their typical variations, and the usual care practices for monitoring them. Only then does it cover possible complications and the care practices and procedures for resolving them. Throughout, the presentation is crystal-clear, the tone is reassuring, and the voice is empowering. And the language is inclusive, reflecting today's various family configurations such as single-parent families, blended families formed by second marriages, families with gay and lesbian parents, and families formed by open adoption or surrogacy. From sensible nutrition advice to realistic birth plans, from birth doulas when desired to cesareans when needed, from reducing stress during pregnancy to caring for yourself as well as your baby after birth, this

pregnancy guide speaks to today's parents-to-be like no other.

Here is a holistic approach to childbirth that examines this profound rite-of-passage not as a medical event but as an act of self-discovery. Exercises and activities such as journal writing, meditation, and painting will help mothers analyze their thoughts and face their fears during pregnancy. For use during birth, the book offers proven techniques for coping with labor pain without drugs, a discussion of the doctor or midwife's role, and a look at the father's responsibilities. Childbirth education should also include what to expect after the baby is born. Here are baby basics, such as how to bathe a newborn, how to get the little one to sleep, and tips for getting nursing off to a good start. Pregnancy, birth, and postpartum is a process of continuous learning and adjustment; *Birthing From Within* provides the necessary support and education to make each phase of birthing a rewarding experience.

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What you need to know to have the best birth experience for you. Drawing upon her thirty-plus years of experience, Ina May Gaskin, the nation's leading midwife, shares the benefits and joys of natural childbirth by showing women how to trust in the ancient wisdom of their bodies for a healthy and fulfilling birthing experience. Based on the female-centered Midwifery Model of Care, *Ina May's Guide to Natural Childbirth* gives expectant mothers comprehensive information on everything from the all-important mind-body connection to how to give birth without technological intervention. Filled with inspiring birth stories and practical advice, this invaluable resource includes: • Reducing the pain of labor without drugs--and the miraculous roles touch and massage play • What really happens during labor • Orgasmic birth--making birth pleasurable • Episiotomy--is it really necessary? • Common methods of inducing labor--and which to avoid at all costs • Tips for maximizing your chances of an unmedicated labor and birth • How to avoid postpartum bleeding--and depression • The risks of anesthesia and cesareans--what your doctor doesn't necessarily tell you • The best ways to work with doctors and/or birth care providers • How to create a safe, comfortable environment for birth in any setting, including a hospital • And much more *Ina May's Guide to Natural Childbirth* takes the fear out of childbirth by restoring women's faith in their own natural power to give birth with more ease, less pain, and less medical intervention.

"*Mama Natural's Week to Week Guide to Pregnancy* is the modern (and yet ancient) approach to pregnancy and childbirth. "Natural" recognizes that pregnancy and birth are normal, and that having a baby is a wondrous biological process and rite of passage--not a medical condition. This book draws upon the latest research showing how beneficial and life-changing natural birth is for both babies and moms. Full of weekly advice and tips for a healthy pregnancy, *Grace* details vital nutrition to take, natural remedies for common and troublesome symptoms, as well as the appropriate (and inappropriate) use of interventions. Pregnancy, childbirth, health, health and wellness, parenting, family"--

For a Safe and Healthy Birth... Your Way! *Giving Birth with Confidence* will help take the mystery out of having a baby and help you better

understand how your body works during pregnancy and childbirth, giving you the confidence to make decisions that best ensure the safety and health of you and your baby. Giving Birth with Confidence is the first and only pregnancy and childbirth guide written by Lamaze International, the leading childbirth education organization in North America. Written with a respectful, positive tone, this book presents:

- Information to help you choose your maternity care provider and place of birth
- Practical strategies to help you work effectively with your care provider
- Information on how pregnancy and birth progress naturally
- Steps you can take to alleviate fear and manage pain during labor
- The best available medical evidence to help you make informed decisions

Previously titled The Official Lamaze Guide, this 3rd edition has updated information on:

- How vaginal birth, keeping mother and baby together, and breastfeeding help to build the baby's microbiome.
- How hormones naturally start and regulate labor and release endorphins to help alleviate pain.
- Maternity-care practices that can disrupt the body's normal functioning.
- The latest recommendations on lifestyle issues like alcohol, vitamins, and caffeine.
- Room sharing and cosleeping: the controversy, recommendations, and safety guidelines.
- Out-of-hospital births are on the rise: New research and advice on planned home birth, including ACOG's revised guidelines, which support women's choices and promote seamless transfer to hospital, if needed.
- The importance of avoiding unnecessary caesareans for mother and child. Includes the new ACOG guidelines on inductions and active labor.
- The research in support of the Lamaze International's "Six Healthy Birth Practices," which are:
  - Let labor begin on its own.
  - Walk, move around, and change positions throughout labor.
  - Bring a loved one, friend, or doula for continuous support.
  - Avoid interventions that aren't medically necessary.
  - Avoid giving birth on your back and follow your body's urges to push.
  - Keep mother and baby together—it's best for mother, baby, and breastfeeding.

If you only buy one pregnancy book, this should be the one! It's the most complete. It covers all aspects of childbearing, from conception through early infancy, and tells you what to expect. It offers detailed information, suggestions on decisions to make, and advice on steps to take to have a safe and satisfying experience. The Award-Winning Resource Recommended by Experts & Loved by Parents Parents love this book because it puts them in control by explaining a wide range of options, information, and questions to ask, so parents can find what works best for their health situation, personal goals, and priorities. Experts love this book because it's based on the latest medical research and recommendations from leading health organizations. It's practical—rooted in the real-life experiences of new families. The five authors bring a combined total of 150 years of experience working with expectant and new families as educators, nurses, counselors, doulas, physical therapists, and lactation consultants. They have attended hundreds of births, heard thousands of birth stories, and assisted innumerable new parents in adapting to their new lives. Not only that, the authors have a combined total of 12 children and 12 grandchildren. All of this experience allows them to write with compassion, understanding, and wisdom based on what really works in the real-world of parenting. The companion website offers even more details on select subjects, including lists of all the best resources on each topic and worksheets to guide parents' decision-making process. The website also includes a bonus chapter on pre-conception, which provides ways to improve your health and fertility before pregnancy begins.

The majority of women giving birth in the United States receive an epidural during labor and delivery; many others receive a spinal block. The Epidural Book fully explains anesthesia used during labor and vaginal delivery or C-section, with an emphasis on epidurals. Dr. Richard Siegenfeld answers pregnant women's questions, including

- Who administers epidurals and spinal blocks and when?
- How does anesthesia affect both the mother and the baby?
- Under what circumstances should a woman avoid an epidural?
- What happens during the recovery period?
- What problems can arise?

Written by an experienced anesthesiologist, The Epidural Book is lighthearted and informative. This easy-

to-read guide helps an expectant mother prepare for her all-important day. -- Steven P. Cohen, M.D., Johns Hopkins School of Medicine Shares practical recommendations for rendering nursing a mutually beneficial experience, covering topics that range from breast pumps and sleeping arrangements to nursing multiples and returning to work.

This is a shorter version of the classic bestseller *The Birth Partner*, ideal for time-pressed parents, partners, and birthing professionals. It is a convenient and easy-to-use book that provides facts on the fly during the ultra-busy period before, during, and after labor and birth. An added planner keeps your plans and to-dos in one place. Generations of spouses and partners, as well as doulas, nurses, midwives, and other professionals, have relied on Penny Simkin's warm and wise guidance in caring for the new mother, from the last trimester through the early postpartum period. Her book *The Birth Partner* is the definitive guide to helping a woman through labor and birth, and *The Birth Partner's Quick Reference Guide and Planner* is a more-concise version of that book. For those who have the original book, it adds a planner component, for hospital or at-home birth plans and for other essential to-dos. It is full of reliable and up-to-date information on: Preparing for labor and for the new baby Ways to help a woman through each stage of labor and birth Pain-relief measures, including epidurals and medications as well as natural techniques Ways to induce or speed up labor Cesarean birth and complications that may require it Breastfeeding and newborn care and much more For the partner who wishes to be truly helpful in the birthing room, this is the essential book to have on hand.

Presents straightforward information on childbirth and what to do when an emergency birth happens.

Childbirth should be one of the most joyful experiences in a woman's life. All too frequently it is one of the most fearful. In *An Easier Childbirth*, Gayle Peterson, a nationally recognized leader in the field of Perinatal Psychology prepares the mother-to-be for the most positive experience possible utilizing a childbirth preparation method based on medical research that shows emotional factors to be important in a healthy pregnancy and delivery. *An Easier Childbirth* begins with a personal birth preparation inventory. It then addresses the mother's fears and concerns through exercises aimed at decreasing her anxiety and increasing her confidence and sense of well-being. Guided imagery visualization and journal writing help the mother-to-be learn ways of yielding comfortably and safely into the entire childbirth process. All women, whether a woman is a first-time mother or has given birth before, whether they desire a natural birth or a medicated delivery will benefit from this proven program.

Thoughtful planning so mom and her supporters are ready when the baby is! A midwife helps expecting mothers decide how natural they want their labor to be, what birthing methods are available, and the type of professional they want present. It helps women weigh factors, prepare mentally, make important decisions, and plan ahead for successful delivery and beyond. ?Only book covering the spectrum of natural birthing methods, and has a medical authority's vetting

?Expert author is a certified professional midwife and certified hypno-birthing childbirth educator ?Covers all aspects of natural birthing, from planning before women become pregnant through breastfeeding

Birthing is a miraculous time when you and your baby will work together to bring about life. As you finally cradle your precious newborn in your arms, you should know deep in your soul that every decision that brought the two of you to this special moment was yours. More families than ever are choosing to birth at home. Midwives Jane E. Drichta and Jodilyn Owen answer questions about the kind of care, support, and information you need as you investigate whether this option is right for you. Birth can be an empowering and positive experience, and this book provides gentle guidance, with high regard for your wisdom and ability to successfully navigate your prenatal care, birth, and early mothering. Enriched with real birth stories from new mothers, *The Essential Homebirth Guide* offers thoughtful, compassionate advice on a wealth of birthing topics, including:

- Building a supportive homebirth community
- Caring for yourself and your baby from your pregnancy through the postpartum period
- Communicating about your birthing plans with your midwife, your partner, and your family and friends
- Deciding whether homebirth is safe for you
- Educating yourself about common pregnancy-related issues
- Preparing your home and your family for the big day

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