

Mums The Word

Bringing together invaluable words of wisdom, tips and tricks in celebration of everything we cherish about our mothers.

'A delightful insight into an eclectic life' The Daily Telegraph 'Very funny and astute . . . a loathly feast for royal-watchers' Hilary Mantel, New Statesman Books of the Year 2018 'A complete delight, conjuring up, with a few sharp strokes of the pen, a mad, exotic species from a world gone by' Craig Brown, Mail on Sunday

'Gloriously indiscreet . . . the best royal book ever' Harry Mount, Financial Times * * * When James Pope-Hennessy began his work on Queen Mary's official biography, it opened the door to meetings with royalty, court members and retainers around Europe. The series of candid observations, secrets and indiscretions contained in his notes were to be kept private for 50 years. Now published in full for the first time and edited by the highly admired royal biographer Hugo Vickers, this is a riveting, often hilarious portrait of the eccentric aristocracy of a bygone age. Giving much greater insight into Queen Mary than the official version, and including sharply observed encounters with, among others, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, the Duke of Gloucester, and a young Queen Elizabeth, *The Quest for Queen Mary* is set to be a classic of royal publishing.

Mums the Word clearly describes how anyone can grow large, beautiful mum flowers successfully. It provides step-by-step directions on how to buy rooted mum cuttings or take cuttings from stolen (new growth) from

mums grown the previous year. The chapters are organized by monthly tasks. It's a great book for new growers plus offers tips for experienced mum growers. A new baby is a wonderful gift from the Lord, bringing great joy but also sleepless nights, constant laundry and, sometimes, total exhaustion. It can be hard to read your Bible and pray. These bite-sized Bible readings from the book of Psalms are designed for you to dip into and be refreshed by the Lord. Also includes real-life stories, practical help and an A-Z of mothering.

When her vintage Corvette falls victim to a hit-and-run, flower shop owner Abby Knight, crusader for all things good, joins forces with gorgeous cop Marco Salvare to catch the culprit, an investigation that becomes filled with deadly twists and turns. Original.

An adorable rhyming story, celebrating the special relationship between mother and child. One little puppy is off on a mission to find a special word. It feels like a cuddle. It's as warm as goodnight kiss. And it begins with an 'M'... What could it be? Mum of course! This charming picture book will make the perfect Mother's Day, new mum or baby shower gift.

A PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BESTSELLER Motherhood is hard. In a world of five-step lists and silver-bullet solutions to become perfect parents, mothers are burdened with mixed messages about who they are and what choices they should make. If you feel pulled between high-fives and hard words, with culture's solutions only raising more questions, you're not alone. But there is hope. You might think that Scripture doesn't have much to say about the food you make for breakfast,

how you view your postpartum body, or what school choice you make for your children, but a deeper look reveals that the Bible provides the framework for finding answers to your specific questions about modern motherhood. Emily Jensen and Laura Wifler help you understand and apply the gospel to common issues moms face so you can connect your Sunday morning faith to the Monday morning tantrum. Discover how closely the gospel connects with today's motherhood. Join Emily and Laura as they walk through the redemptive story and reveal how the gospel applies to your everyday life, bringing hope, freedom, and joy in every area of motherhood.

Whoever said life began at 40 was dead right... A riotous romantic comedy about never-ending motherhood, second chances and growing old disgracefully.

For ages 4-8. When Asha's lesbian mums become an issue for the teacher and the curiosity of classmates, Asha responds that having two mums is not a big deal. They are a family.

Conversations between sisters reveal a deep and constant tug between two dynamics—an impulse toward closeness and an impulse toward competition. It takes just a word from your sister to start you laughing, or to summon up a past you both share. But it also takes just a word to send you into an emotional tailspin. For many women, a sister is both a devoted friend and a fierce rival. Wise and witty, *You Were Always Mom's Favorite!* will leave you with a profound new understanding of the

unique and precious sister bond, as well as provide practical advice that will open up communication, dispel tensions, and make a vital connection even stronger, deeper, and more resilient.

Mum's Not the Word is a photobook about women without children. The nude images challenge the negative attitudes within society towards people without children, and the text shares stories of birth control, choice, freedom, regret, and pain. Women are expected to provide reasons for not having children, and yet deciding to have them does not require justification. Mum's not the word debates the social stigmatization of women, who, by choice, circumstance or whatever reasons, go against the instinct for childbirth and maternal productivity. Fifty colour images show real nude women in the reverse fetal position. The subjects come from all walks of life - professionals, artists. A few have mental health issues or disabilities; some have fragile relationships with their birth mothers. A couple of the participants also identify as other than heterosexual.

The ultimate baby-shower gift for any expectant mum! This is motherhood laid bare. No filters, no frills, and often, no f**king clue. These are the hilarious, hidden tales about parenthood that InstaMums have cropped out for years: the leaking nipples, the sh*t-stained t-shirts and the truth about those bloody night feeds. These are the brilliantly funny and honest stories that every mother needs to

hear - exposing the truth about parenthood. Mum's the Word gives a refreshingly raw and candid insight into life with a newborn baby; uniting mothers against the Supermum pretence and acknowledging that we're all just winging it anyway. Rebecca's dry and undeniably funny stories will test any mother's pelvic floor to the limit. So grab a Tena lady, latch on and take a seat. Mum's the Word is the latest release within a genre of increasingly-popular parenting memoirs, alongside Sarah Turner's Unmumsy Mum, Sam Avery's The Learner Parent and Giovanna Fletcher's Happy Mum, Happy Baby. These highly-respected titles provide a welcome relief from the prescriptive, and often intimidating, traditional parenting manuals. Mum's the Word complements this collection; this time providing a detailed focus on the bumpy ride from birth to age one. Rebecca states that this is her 'stark journey into motherhood, documenting the times that we nearly broke the baby, and the times that she nearly broke us'. The book provides a hilarious insight into the horrors of pre-partum perineal massage, losing every shred of dignity during birth, and the joy, fear, exhaustion and love that encompasses the transition to Mum. Alongside the hilarity, Mum's the Word provides a refreshing raw exposure to unfiltered motherhood. Unlike other memoirs of this kind, the book focuses specifically on the first year of parenting; and delves deep into the hidden world of Newmumdom. An

easily-accessible alphabet structure provides the format for the scores of true short stories. The quick-paced tales are kind to the target audience; a time-restricted mother who may dip in and out during feeds, though the all-too-relatable humour will keep the pages turning well after the baby has fallen back asleep. The witty and often shocking #mumfails (of which there are many!) are interspersed with moving stories about grief and guilt. I aim to give a poignant, heartfelt account of the impact that new parenthood has on a relationship, on friendships and work priorities. The book is currently rated 5* on amazon with phenomenal early reviews.

A bestselling modern classic—both poignant and funny—about a boy with autism who sets out to solve the murder of a neighbor's dog and discovers unexpected truths about himself and the world. Nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's The Great American Read Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. He relates well to animals but has no understanding of human emotions. He cannot stand to be touched. And he detests the color yellow. This improbable story of Christopher's quest to investigate the suspicious death of a neighborhood dog makes for one of the most captivating, unusual, and widely heralded novels in recent years. For Kate Green, nothing was as important as the

happiness and well-being of her two little boys, Reef and Finn, and her loving husband, St. John, known as “Singe.” They had a wonderfully happy family life in Somerset, England. But then tragedy struck—Kate was diagnosed with breast cancer that couldn’t be cured. During her last few days, Kate created what she called Mum’s List. With Singe’s help she wrote down her thoughts, dreams, and wishes, trying to help the man she loved create the best life for their sons after she was gone. Mum’s List reveals Kate’s passionate nature, her free spirit, and even her sense of humor. The list became Singe’s rock as he turned to it again and again for strength and inspiration. Her instructions were simple—items like “look for four-leaf clovers” and “always say what you truly mean”—but the effect they had on Singe, Reef, and Finn was incredibly profound. Singe’s lesson to readers everywhere is that a list like Mum’s List can change your life—and you don’t need to lose someone to make a list and live your dreams. If you’ve ever wondered if you and your family could be living a happier, more meaningful life full of adventure and joy, then this book is for you. The day Mum didn't get dressed and went on strike, Dad called her 'a Wild Thing' and Mum said 'Cook your own dinner' and stomped off upstairs to have a bath . . . In this hilarious, touching homage to Maurice Sendak's *Where the Wild Things Are*, a worn-out mum finds herself floating across time and

space to the place where the Wild Mums are. Dazzled by her party tricks, they crown her Queen of the Wild Mums and try to entice her to join their conga . . . But Mum has just remembered who she loves best of all . . . Lovingly illustrated by the award-winning Sholto Walker, this little book is the perfect gift for baby showers, new mums - or any mum who's ever wanted to go on strike.

Drawing its allure from the gold of the sun and the rule of the emperors, the chrysanthemum winds its way through ancient Chinese culture into the gardens of French impressionist painters and onto the pages of American novels. The flower signifies both life and death, as parts of Europe associate it with mourning while others celebrate it for its golden rays that light the autumnal gloom. In this fascinating book, *Twigs Way* follows the fortunes of the flower through philosophy, art, literature, and death, recounting the stories of the men and women who became captivated by this extraordinary bloom. With a range of vibrant illustrations, including works by Hiroshige, Monet, and Mondrian, *Chrysanthemum* will captivate lovers of art, flowers, history, and culture.

Errol's mum won't get off the phone. So there's only one thing for Errol to do... Find out what happens when cheeky Errol puts his mum up for sale!

When Ann-Marie Ross murders her abusive husband and feeds him to the pigs, she thinks she's

got away with murder and secured the future of her Scottish cider farm. But she soon finds herself having to keep more than one deadly secret to protect those closest to her. As four women embrace their new-found independence, Ann-Marie is tormented by the threat of discovery. A darkly comic tale of murder, friendship and love.

When her husband, Ben, drags her to the States for a gourmet cooking competition, the nervous and pregnant Ellie Haskell encounters mystery and murder in the American Midwest.

Covered from head to toe with one-of-a-kind tattoos, Marigold is the brightest, most beautiful mother in the world. At least, that's what Dolphin thinks—she just wishes Marigold wouldn't stay out quite so late or have mood spells every now and again. Dolphin's older sister, Star, loves Marigold too, but she's tired of looking after her. So when Star's dad shows up out of the blue and offers to let the girls stay with him, Star jumps at the opportunity. But Dolphin can't bear to leave Marigold alone. Now it's just the two of them, and Dolphin is about to be in over her head. . . .

A New York Times Notable Book of 2018 “Searingly passionate...Nixey writes up a storm. Each sentence is rich, textured, evocative, felt...[A] ballista-bolt of a book.” —New York Times Book Review In Harran, the locals refused to convert. They were dismembered, their limbs hung along the town's main street. In Alexandria, zealots pulled the elderly philosopher-mathematician Hypatia from her chariot and flayed her to death with shards of broken pottery. Not long before, their fellow Christians had invaded the city's greatest temple and razed it—smashing its world-famous statues and destroying all that was left of Alexandria's Great Library.

Today, we refer to Christianity's conquest of the West as a "triumph." But this victory entailed an orgy of destruction in which Jesus's followers attacked and suppressed classical culture, helping to pitch Western civilization into a thousand-year-long decline. Just one percent of Latin literature would survive the purge; countless antiquities, artworks, and ancient traditions were lost forever. As Catherine Nixey reveals, evidence of early Christians' campaign of terror has been hiding in plain sight: in the palimpsests and shattered statues proudly displayed in churches and museums the world over. In *The Darkening Age*, Nixey resurrects this lost history, offering a wrenching account of the rise of Christianity and its terrible cost.

In this delightful new series by the New York Times bestselling author of the Flower Shop Mysteries, Athena Spencer comes back home to work with her crazy big Greek family at their garden center. But she never expected a return to her roots would mean protecting her family from murder . . . After her divorce, Athena has returned to coastal Michigan to work in her family's garden center and raise her son, while also caring for a mischievous wild raccoon and fending off her family's annoying talent for nagging. Working alone at the garden center one night, Athena is startled by a handsome stranger who claims to be the rightful owner of a valuable statue her grandfather purchased at a recent estate sale. But she has even bigger problems on her plate. The powerful Talbot family from whom her pappoús bought the statue is threatening to raze the shops on Greene Street's "Little Greece" to make way for a condo. The recent death of the family's patriarch already seemed suspicious, but now it's clear that a murderer is in their midst. Athena will have to live up to her warrior goddess namesake to protect her family from a killer and save their community from ruin . . . "Kate Collins delivers an entertaining, amusing, and deliciously

suspenseful mystery.” —Cleo Coyle, New York Times bestselling author

Mums are caring, kind and always there. This book offers a collection of insightful quotations and uplifting photographs of mums and babies in the wild that is a heartfelt thank you to mums everywhere.

A celebration of mums - from feathered to furry! Beautifully illustrated with delightful animals, My Mum's the Best captures the fun-loving bond between mother and child - from big, cosy bear hugs to bathing elephants. Whether big or small, feathered or furry, mums always know how to make us feel special! This special edition includes a lovely heart-shaped magnetic photo frame - perfect for your most treasured picture with Mum!

For the mum who embraces motherhood and all that it entails, The Mums' Book is a humorous handbook on the ups and downs of being a mother. Featuring: . recipes for the perfect fairy cakes . tips on how to throw the best children's parties . examples of the best games to play on long journeys. advice on the best ways to pamper oneselfPlus other invaluable, and bizarre, pearls of wisdom handed down from generation to generation. The Mums' Book is also a celebration of motherhood, a miscellany of hilarious anecdotes and survival techniques from the world's best mums. No mother should be without this informative and amusing guide!

What happens when you receive a piece of information that changes your life? Mum's the Word is not just one way to react, but also a 40,000-word memoir that takes you through how the author handled such news. Suspense builds as a story of family secrets, unknown adoption, and an amazing search to find answers, the real truth, unfolds. This journey reveals the complexities of love, relationships, and coming to terms with unexpected life events.

"Account of New Zealand motherhood over the past century"--Back cover.

Several pounds heavier—and gaining—blissful mother-to-be Ellie Haskell knows her days as a thin woman are numbered. Time to let out her clothes, put up her feet, and prepare to enjoy the next nine months as pampered wife. But the first pangs of morning sickness have barely passed when Ellie's handsome husband, Ben, is invited to compete for membership in the world's most exclusive secret society of chefs, and suddenly Ellie finds herself whisked off to America—to Mud Creek, Illinois—and to a gothic mansion straight out of a horror movie.

In less than ten years, Gail Reynolds has grown a home-based business from Zero to turning over Six million pounds a year and helped countless other mums and women worldwide follow her lead. Now, as one of the top leaders in Avon, she shows other mothers and women how to be as successful as she is.

Mum's the WordPenguin

Have you ever tried to sustain a relationship with a twat? It's hard work and you need to be completely not a twat yourself if you want any success in this. Which is really hard when you've just started being a teenager. (As if growing up wasn't hard enough already...) I remember thinking if you were 'the chosen' one, why does that mean your dress sense has to be so shit? A celebration of teenage rebellion and resilience.

Anoushka Warden's debut play was directed by Royal Court Artistic Director Vicky Featherstone and Jude Christian.

A group of animals race through a garden, the sea, and the jungle to get to the finish line.

More time with your kids, making the money you know you're worth and a better work/life balance. No wonder more women than ever are choosing to become freelance mums. In the last decade, 70% more mums have chosen to go freelance.

Annie Ridout was one of them. And in her enlightening new book, she shares the tips and tricks that helped her build a better working life around her family. From choosing a career and launching a website, to getting your name out there and perfecting your brand, to the nitty gritty of childcare options and daily routines, *The Freelance Mum* is a comprehensive guide to setting out on your own path. Using her own experience, alongside advice from other mums that make it work, including Arianna Huffington, Scummy Mummies, Carrie-Anne Roberts, Robyn Wilder, Zoe de Pass, Cherry Healey, Sali Hughes and Anna Jones, Annie will show that with hard work and determination, any mother can thrive as a freelancer.

Eve Branson's life reads like a fast-paced adventure novel. A classically trained ballet dancer, she appeared in racy West End productions, disguised herself as a boy to take glider lessons, enlisted in the Women's Royal Navy Service, and then embarked on a series of harrowing adventures as a "Star Girl" air hostess on the ill-fated British South American Airways. Though marrying the dashing ex-Cavalry officer, Edward "Ted" Branson, brought her down to earth to raise three children, Eve's quest for adventure never faltered. After running several businesses, traveling the world, and doing global charity work, Eve is preparing to launch the first commercial space travelers to the edge of space in a Virgin Galactic mother ship that bears her name. In this lively, absorbing memoir – part diary, part adventure story, part family history – Eve Branson's formidable energy propels the reader through an extraordinary life. Along the way, she divulges some of the unorthodox but effective trade secrets behind raising one of the world's most colourful entrepreneurs.

I'm Sadie and I'm nearly nine. Mum's a childminder, but she doesn't have to mind me. I can mind myself, easy-peasy.

Lucky for Mum, because now she's got the flu, so I've got to mind her - and help with all the babies!

Something strange is going on at Mudpuddle Farm. Eggbert the goat is not himself at all. Instead of grumbling, he's singing and dancing, and he's even greedier than usual.

The best-selling workbook and grammar guide, revised and updated! Hailed as one of the best books around for teaching grammar, *The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation* includes easy-to-understand rules, abundant examples, dozens of reproducible exercises, and pre- and post-tests to help teach grammar to middle and high schoolers, college students, ESL students, homeschoolers, and more. This concise, entertaining workbook makes learning English grammar and usage simple and fun. This updated Twelfth Edition reflects the latest updates to English usage and grammar and features a two-color design and lay-flat binding for easy photocopying. Clear and concise, with easy-to-follow explanations, offering "just the facts" on English grammar, punctuation, and usage Fully updated to reflect the latest rules, along with quizzes and pre- and post-tests to help teach grammar Ideal for students from seventh grade through adulthood in the US and abroad For anyone who wants to understand the major rules and subtle guidelines of English grammar and usage, *The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation* offers comprehensive, straightforward instruction. "In 1963, thirteen-year-old Arthur is sentenced to community service helping the neighborhood Junk Man after he throws a brick at the old man's head in a moment of rage, but the junk he collects might be more important than he suspects. Inspired by the work of American folk artist James Hampton"--

Told with humor and heart, *The Boy at the Back of the Class* offers a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that

doesn't always make sense. There used to be an empty chair at the back of Mrs. Khan's classroom, but on the third Tuesday of the school year a new kid fills it: nine-year-old Ahmet, a Syrian refugee. The whole class is curious about this new boy--he doesn't seem to smile, and he doesn't talk much. But after learning that Ahmet fled a Very Real War and was separated from his family along the way, a determined group of his classmates bands together to concoct the Greatest Idea in the World--a magnificent plan to reunite Ahmet with his loved ones. This accessible, kid-friendly story about the refugee crisis highlights the community-changing potential of standing as an ally and reminds readers that everyone deserves a place to call home. "This moving and timely debut novel tells an enlightening, empowering, and ultimately hopeful story about how compassion and a willingness to speak out can change the world." --School Library Journal, Starred Review Overall Winner of the 2019 UK Waterstones Children's Book Prize Winner of the 2019 UK Blue Peter Book Award A CLIP Carnegie Medal Children's Book Award Nominee

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A moving memoir about the legendary author's relationship with her own mother. Emma Watson's Our Shared Shelf Book Club Pick! The story of Maya Angelou's extraordinary life has been chronicled in her multiple bestselling autobiographies. But now, at last, the legendary author shares the deepest personal story of her life: her relationship with her mother. For the first time, Angelou reveals the triumphs and struggles of being the daughter of Vivian Baxter, an indomitable spirit whose petite size belied her larger-than-life presence—a presence absent during much of Angelou's early life. When her marriage began to crumble, Vivian famously sent three-year-old Maya and her older brother away from their California home to live with their grandmother in Stamps, Arkansas. The subsequent

feelings of abandonment stayed with Angelou for years, but their reunion, a decade later, began a story that has never before been told. In *Mom & Me & Mom*, Angelou dramatizes her years reconciling with the mother she preferred to simply call “Lady,” revealing the profound moments that shifted the balance of love and respect between them. Delving into one of her life’s most rich, rewarding, and fraught relationships, *Mom & Me & Mom* explores the healing and love that evolved between the two women over the course of their lives, the love that fostered Maya Angelou’s rise from immeasurable depths to reach impossible heights. Praise for *Mom & Me & Mom* “*Mom & Me & Mom* is delivered with Angelou’s trademark good humor and fierce optimism. If any resentments linger between these lines, if lives are partially revealed without all the bitter details exposed, well, that is part of Angelou’s forgiving design. As an account of reconciliation, this little book is just revealing enough, and pretty irresistible.”—The Washington Post “Moving . . . a remarkable portrait of two courageous souls.”—People “[The] latest, and most potent, of her serial autobiographies . . . [a] tough-minded, tenderhearted addition to Angelou’s spectacular canon.”—Elle “Mesmerizing . . . Angelou has a way with words that can still dazzle us, and with her mother as a subject, Angelou has a near-perfect muse and mystery woman.”—Essence

Ideal for early years to KS1 children who are learning at home. Daisy Upton has two little kids. She loves them - but they drive her mad. So, to try and keep her sanity she started to come up with quick, easy games using stuff from around the house. And @FiveMinuteMum was born. In her first book, she has collected 150+ games that take 5 minutes to set up & 5 minutes to tidy up. From pasta posting to alphabet knock down, it's a recipe book for guilt free parenting! And as Daisy was a teaching assistant, your little ones will be learning while

they play! What could be better? GIVE ME FIVE is the perfect companion for anyone who wants five minutes peace.

Coming in 2021: Five Minute Mum: On the Go Five Minute

Mum: Time For School "I love Five Minute Mum. She's

managed to come up with a huge array of activities for kids that are fun and educational yet don't require an Art degree or

Diploma in Patience to execute."Sarah Turner, aka Unmumsy Mum

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