

## My Bonus Mom Taking The Step Out Of Stepmom

A NATIONAL BESTSELLER “Exquisite and harrowing.” —New York Times Book Review “This electrifying, gorgeously written memoir will hold you captive until the last word.” —People NAMED A BEST FALL BOOK BY People \* Refinery29 \* Entertainment Weekly \* BuzzFeed \* NPR’s On Point \* Town & Country \* Real Simple \* New York Post \* Palm Beach Post \* Toronto Star \* Orange Country Register \* Bustle \* Bookish \* BookPage \* Kirkus\* BBC Culture\* Debutiful A daughter’s tale of living in the thrall of her magnetic, complicated mother, and the chilling consequences of her complicity. On a hot July night on Cape Cod when Adrienne was fourteen, her mother, Malabar, woke her at midnight with five simple words that would set the course of both of their lives for years to come: Ben Souther just kissed me. Adrienne instantly became her mother’s confidante and helpmate, blossoming in the sudden light of her attention, and from then on, Malabar came to rely on her daughter to help orchestrate what would become an epic affair with her husband’s closest friend. The affair would have calamitous consequences for everyone involved, impacting Adrienne’s life in profound ways, driving her into a precarious marriage of her own, and then into a deep depression. Only years later will she find the strength to embrace her life—and her mother—on her own terms. Wild Game is a brilliant, timeless memoir about how the people close to us can break our hearts simply because they have access to them, and the lies we tell in order to justify the choices we make. It’s a remarkable story of resilience, a reminder that we need not be the parents our parents were to us.

“If the women of Big Little Lies were the moms of East Coast high schoolers, they'd be right at

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home in *The Mother Next Door*—a witty, wicked thriller packed with hidden agendas, juicy secrets, and pitch-perfect satire of the suburban dream.” —Andrea Bartz, author of *The Lost Night* and *The Herd* GOOD MOTHERS... Never show their feelings. Never spill their secrets. Never admit to murder. The annual Halloween block party is the pinnacle of the year on idyllic suburban cul-de-sac Ivy Woods Drive. An influential group of neighborhood moms—known as the Ivy Five—plans the event for months. Except the Ivy Five has been four for a long time. When a new mother moves to town, eager to fit in, the moms see it as an opportunity to make the group whole again. This year’s block party should be the best yet... until the women start receiving anonymous messages threatening to expose the quiet neighborhood’s dark past—and the lengths they’ve gone to hide it. As secrets seep out and the threats intensify, the Ivy Five must sort the loyal from the disloyal, the good from the bad. They’ll do anything to protect their families. But when a twisted plot is revealed, with dangerous consequences, their steady foundation begins to crumble, leaving only one certainty: after this year’s block party, Ivy Woods Drive will never be the same. From award-winning author Tara Laskowski, *The Mother Next Door* is an atmospheric novel of domestic suspense in which the strive for perfection ends in murder... “Trust no one, absolutely no one while reading *The Mother Next Door* because everyone has secrets, all of them are liars, and everybody has at least one thing to lose. Tara Laskowski’s brilliantly paced tale of perfect-suburbia-until-you-scratch-the-surface is as compelling as it is twisted.” —Hannah Mary McKinnon, bestselling author of *Sister Dear* and *You Will Remember Me*

A gorgeously illustrated interactive guide to changing your mindset, rekindling creativity, and embracing imperfection. “Give yourself margin” is a sewing maxim about leaving enough

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excess fabric to account for potential mistakes. This book is about giving yourself the space—the mental margin—to reconnect with your creative self by trying new things and, yes, even by failing sometimes. With lush illustrations, empowering interactive prompts, and inspiring personal stories, *Give Yourself Margin* is the perfect gift for anyone who is looking to rediscover their spark.

An accessible blueprint to embolden our daughters to be critical thinkers, fearless doers, and joyful change agents for our future—from the proud mother of teen activist Marley Dias, founder of 1000BLACKGIRLBOOKS. “A powerful resource for caregivers trying to raise courageous girls . . . It’s my go-to and my how-to.”—Kwame Alexander, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Light for the World to See* Renowned sociologist Dr. Janice Johnson Dias has devoted her life to nurturing and training girls to become change-makers—whether through her investment in her daughter Marley’s humanitarian projects or through her work with the GrassROOTS Community Foundation’s “SuperCamp.” In these unprecedented times, her work has never been more urgent, as parents find themselves asking: How do we teach our children to change the world? Dr. Johnson Dias knows that self-realized girls are created through intentional parenting. And so she asks parents to make deliberate choices—from babyhood through adolescence—that will give their girls the resources and foundation to take hold of their own futures and to create sustainable social change. Unlike other parenting experts, Dr. Johnson Dias doesn’t urge parents to focus solely on their children. Instead, she tasks them with a personal challenge: to find their own joy. Just as Dr. Johnson Dias brings her own jubilant passion to parenting, mentoring, and teaching, she inspires caregivers to do the same. Using cutting-edge research and Dr. Johnson Dias’s own experiences, *Parent Like It Matters* offers

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information and strategies for making discussions of racism and sexism a daily practice, identifying heroes and mentors, educating yourselves together, and uncovering your girl's passions and what issues drive her the most. Parenting is enormous work; it can be as overwhelming as it is fulfilling. Within the pages of *Parent Like It Matters*, parents will find the invaluable tools they need to raise resilient, optimistic girls who determine for themselves what their world will look like.

A true story from Raina Telgemeier, the #1 New York Times bestselling, multiple Eisner Award-winning author of *Smile*, *Sisters*, *Drama*, and *Ghosts!* Raina wakes up one night with a terrible upset stomach. Her mom has one, too, so it's probably just a bug. Raina eventually returns to school, where she's dealing with the usual highs and lows: friends, not-friends, and classmates who think the school year is just one long gross-out session. It soon becomes clear that Raina's tummy trouble isn't going away... and it coincides with her worries about food, school, and changing friendships. What's going on? Raina Telgemeier once again brings us a thoughtful, charming, and funny true story about growing up and gathering the courage to face -- and conquer -- her fears.

In rhyming verse, shows children of divorced families how a positive attitude can help to cope with the process of divorce and bring happiness to the remarriage of a parent.

Written for both biological parents and stepparents, this helpful guide provides the tools necessary to raising well-adjusted children after a stressful divorce. Innovative in its technique and cowritten by a certified divorce and stepfamily expert and her own stepchildren's mother, this etiquette book provides an authentic guide for ex-spouses to interact on a civil and healthy level. Sample conversation for everyday scenarios help exes create a positive environment

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and ensure the mental and physical well-being of the children. Whether it's coordinating discipline between households, introducing a new partner, dealing with late child support payments, or providing a regular schedule for children, this guide empowers parents to change what they can--their attitudes and communication skills. In doing so, divorced parents can increase their self-esteem and personal growth and emerge confident that they can handle awkward situations and powerful emotions while keeping the children's best interests a priority. Successful business entrepreneur Allie Casazza shares her powerful and proven method for clearing the clutter in our minds by first clearing the clutter in our homes, the place where transformation begins. When Allie Casazza first became a mom, she found herself struggling to make it through each day. She battled fatigue, depression, and the unsettling feeling that she didn't have what it took to do "this mom thing" well. When she realized the root of her burden was the overwhelm of physical clutter, she got intentional about what took up her space and time. The path she carved brought her and her family greater contentment and more abundant living, and she shares it in her much-anticipated first book, *Declutter Like a Mother*. In her winsome, relatable style, Casazza has built a massive following--and a multimillion-dollar online business--based on her proven, family-oriented approach to living more simply. Her mission is to empower other moms to start making real, lasting change. Combining humor and a lighthearted kick-in-the-pants, *Declutter Like a Mother* will motivate readers to start taking action. Once referred to as an "in-your-face Marie Kondo for millennial moms," Casazza's advice is actionable, at times irreverent, and already proven to be life-changing. My Bonus Mom! Taking the Step Out of Stepmom Little Five Star

From playing dress up to yoga to lemonade and bike rides, adventures are many with our

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stepmom and stepdaughter dynamic duo. The people they meet often think Miranda is Zoey's mom, leading to laughter, confusion and sometimes guilt. With love all around her, Zoey knows while her family is considered different, they love her all the same.

An age appropriate story that navigates the concept of having a Mom's house and a Dad's house. This book takes the negative emotion out of the equation and assures the reader that living in two homes does not make them an outcast. The story emphasizes that a child with two homes is loved by both Mom and Dad no matter what, and that love is what makes each family special.

When Jann Arden moved in to a house just across the way from her parents in rural Alberta, the intent was to be close to them so they could be her refuge. When her dad died in 2015, Jann began to cook for her mom, whose memory was failing, five or six times a week. Her mom found comfort in Jann's kitchen-not just from the delicious food but also sitting with her daughter while she cooked. "If you told me two years ago that I'd be here," Jann writes, "I wouldn't have believed it. And yet we still fall into so much laughter, feel so much insane gladness and joy. It's such a contrast from one minute to the next and it teaches me constantly- it makes me stronger and more humble and more empathetic and caring and kind." But it is also one test after another, one loss after another, and now with her mother in care, Jann is facing the end of their road together. The many people who are dealing with a loved one who is losing themselves will find inspiration and strength in Jann's wholehearted, loving response and her unique take on the upside-down world of a daughter mothering her mother. An affirmation that life keeps on keeping on, this book tells the inspiring story of how you have to roll with it.

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Whether it's dancing in the rain, getting all mucky or tickling those toes, this bonus mom and her child have the best times together. Beautifully illustrated and full of fun, 'I love my Bonus Mom' tells us that no matter what she looks like and whatever the living arrangement, the most important thing to a child is that their bonus mom helps them feel happy and loves them lots. This special book will leave you with a lovely warm feeling and you'll want to read it together again and again. This book is written to be suitable for adults to read to children ages 2-6, and for children aged 5-8 to be able to read themselves. It is for all bonus moms and children who have a close loving relationship, regardless of the current living situation. It is relevant to both bonus sons and bonus daughters.

My Super Family is a book about a six-year-old boy whose parents are divorced and live in separate homes. Cory explores the normal feelings and questions children have when parents separate or divorce. This charming story answers questions, explores feelings, and helps children of blended families understand what matters most-that they are loved!

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

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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.

It's not about doing more. IT'S ABOUT DOING WHAT MATTERS. As a busy mom with three young kids and a career, #1 national bestselling author Christy Wright knows what it's like to try to do it all and be stretched too thin. After years of running on empty, she realized she had to do something different. It wasn't just a matter of saying no to a few things. She had to figure out why she felt overwhelmed, overcommitted, and out of balance. Here's what she discovered: Life balance isn't something you do. It's something you feel. The great news is you can feel balanced — even in your busy life. In *Take Back Your Time*, Christy redefines what balance is and reveals the clear path to actually achieve it. You'll learn how to: Identify what balance looks like in your unique situation and season. Find confidence in the choices that are right for you. Feel peace even during chaotic times. Learn how to be present for your life and actually enjoy it! You weren't created to live busy and burnt out, unhappy and unfulfilled. You shouldn't be haunted by some elusive idea of balancing it all. There's more for you right now. Today. And it starts with taking back your time the guilt-free way.

From the #1 New York Times best-selling author of *The Darkest Minds* comes a sweepingly ambitious, high-octane tale of power, destiny, love, and redemption. Every seven years, the Agon begins. As punishment for a past rebellion, nine Greek gods are forced to walk the earth as mortals. They are hunted by the descendants of ancient bloodlines, all eager to kill a god and seize their divine power and immortality. Long ago, Lore Perseous fled that brutal world,



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turning her back on the hunt's promises of eternal glory after her family was murdered by a rival line. For years she's pushed away any thought of revenge against the man—now a god—responsible for their deaths. Yet as the next hunt dawns over New York City, two participants seek her out: Castor, a childhood friend Lore believed to be dead, and Athena, one of the last of the original gods, now gravely wounded. The goddess offers an alliance against their mutual enemy and a way to leave the Agon behind forever. But Lore's decision to rejoin the hunt, binding her fate to Athena's, will come at a deadly cost—and it may not be enough to stop the rise of a new god with the power to bring humanity to its knees.

The third book in the Family Matter series, *Why a Daughter Needs a Mom* inspires mothers to empower their daughters to become strong, purposeful, independent women and reminds daughters that their mothers are some of the strongest, most reliable sources from which they can draw strength and wisdom.

Zuri, affectionately known as Daddy's Favorite Chocolate Chip Muffin, is frightened at the idea of a new Step MOMster. Will she try to steal Daddy away from Muffin? Will she be a total nightmare or will she prove to be the best Bonus Mom to Muffin one day? Join Muffin on her emotional roller coaster as she prepares to meet Daddy's special lady friend.

In *Spy Runner*, a noir mystery middle grade novel from Newbery Honor author Eugene Yelchin, a boy stumbles upon a secret that jeopardizes American national security.

Part memoir and part guidebook, *Share Your Stuff. I'll Go First.* is the invitation you've been waiting for to show up with your whole self and discover the intimate, meaningful

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relationships you long for. In spite of the hyper-connected culture we live in today, women still feel shamed for oversharing and being publicly vulnerable. And no matter how many friends we seem to have, many of us are still desperately lonely. Laura Tremaine says it's time for something better. Openness and vulnerability are the foundation for human growth and healthy relationships, and it all starts when we share our stuff, the nitty-gritty daily details about ourselves with others. Laura has led the way in her personal life with her popular blog and podcast, and now with lighthearted self-awareness, a sensitivity to the important things in life, and compelling storytelling, Laura gives you the tools to build and deepen the conversations happening in your life. Laura's stories about her childhood in Oklahoma, her complicated shifts in faith and friendships, and her marriage to a Hollywood movie director will prompt you to identify the beautiful narrative and pivotal milestones of your own life. Each chapter offers intriguing and reflective questions that will reveal unique details and stories you've never thought to tell and will guide you into cultivating the authentic connection with others that only comes from sharing yourself.

Celebrate Pride every day with this adorable board book for the babies and toddlers of gay fathers, featuring a variety of diverse, loving families with two dads. Families with same-sex parents are celebrated in this board book that follows busy dads and their kids throughout their day—eating breakfast, getting dressed, heading out to the park, and settling back in at night with a bubble bath and a good-night lullaby. LGBTQ+

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parents and their friends and families will welcome this inclusive and cheerful book that reflects their own lives and family makeup. With artwork by acclaimed fashion illustrator Izak Zenou, this is a stylish, smart, humorous, family-focused book that will have babies and their two dads giggling as they enjoy it together. It's an ideal baby-shower and first-birthday gift. And look for its companion board book, *My Two Moms and Me*.

The first 40 days after the birth of a child offer an essential and fleeting period of rest and recovery for the new mother. Based on author Heng Ou's own postpartum experience with *zuo yuezi*, a set period of "confinement," in which a woman remains at home focusing on healing and bonding with her baby, *The First Forty Days* revives the lost art of caring for the mother after birth. As modern mothers are pushed to prematurely "bounce back" after delivering their babies, and are often left alone to face the physical and emotional challenges of this new stage of their lives, the first forty days provide a lifeline—a source of connection, nourishment, and guidance. The book includes 60 simple recipes for healing soups; replenishing meals and snacks; and calming and lactation-boosting teas, all formulated to support the unique needs of the new mother. In addition to the recipes, this warm and encouraging guide offers advice on arranging a system of help during the postpartum period, navigating relationship challenges, and honoring the significance of pregnancy and birth. *The First Forty Days*, fully illustrated to feel both inspiring and soothing, is a practical guide and inspirational read for all new mothers and mothers-to-be—the perfect ally during the first weeks with a

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new baby.

This book is the story of a little girl who is gaining a bonus mom. She walks through the emotions and challenges faced when a new person came into her Dad's life and thus became a part of the family. This is a great conversation starter for parents and children, aiding in their adjustment to a new addition to their family.

Give your Boyfriend a Personalized Gift he will Love! Your Boyfriend will treasure this fill in the blank book. Prompts on the right side are easy to fill in. Pages on the left can be remain blank or can be used for photos, stickers, magazine cut-outs, or drawings.

Your Boyfriend will appreciate that you spent the time to make him a loving gift! Simple and sweet prompts will make filling out this book easy: You make the best \_\_\_\_\_

You make me laugh when you \_\_\_\_\_ I love that we have the same \_\_\_\_\_ I wish I could \_\_\_\_\_ as well as you do And many more! Boyfriends love it when you take the time to give him something truly thoughtful. This sweet book will take less than an hour to fill out but will show your Boyfriend how much you appreciate him!

Social media sensation, fitness trainer, and sports nutritionist Natalie Jill offers her popular 7 day jump start program for weight loss, with recipes and tips

When Samantha, the daughter of a Republican state senator, falls in love with the boy next door, she discovers a different way to live, but when her mother is involved in an accident Sam must make some difficult choices.

"BONUS Dad! BONUS Mom!" is a friendly way to teach children about the role of a step-

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parent. The book focuses on the day-to-day activities of a Bonus parent while teaching values like responsibility, cooperation, determination, respect and love. The characters are a fun-loving family of dogs and are presented in a colorful and whimsical way.

The Mom Test is a quick, practical guide that will save you time, money, and heartbreak. They say you shouldn't ask your mom whether your business is a good idea, because she loves you and will lie to you. This is technically true, but it misses the point. You shouldn't ask anyone if your business is a good idea. It's a bad question and everyone will lie to you at least a little . As a matter of fact, it's not their responsibility to tell you the truth. It's your responsibility to find it and it's worth doing right . Talking to customers is one of the foundational skills of both Customer Development and Lean Startup. We all know we're supposed to do it, but nobody seems willing to admit that it's easy to screw up and hard to do right. This book is going to show you how customer conversations go wrong and how you can do better.

When Maxine wakes up on the wrong side of the bed one morning, she wonders if the problem might be her mother. What if she could try out a new mom who doesn't make her brush her teeth or comb her hair? Enlisting Mom to help her with the search, Maxine interviews various prospects to be her new mother at the park, the toy store, and the zoo. Unfortunately, these other mothers present a host of new problems and concerns. Maybe her "old mother" was the best mother of all? For every child who's ever wondered if the grass is greener, The Best Mother affirms that there's nothing better than your own mother's love.

A 2016 Michael L. Printz Honoree "This is East Texas, and there's lines. Lines you cross, lines you don't cross. That clear?" New London, Texas. 1937. Naomi Vargas and Wash Fuller know about the lines in East Texas as well as anyone. They know the signs that mark them. They

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know the people who enforce them. But sometimes the attraction between two people is so powerful it breaks through even the most entrenched color lines. And the consequences can be explosive. Ashley Hope Pérez takes the facts of the 1937 New London school explosion—the worst school disaster in American history—as a backdrop for a riveting novel about segregation, love, family, and the forces that destroy people.

Despite the age old fairy tales, Stepmothers are far from evil. They love their family with all their heart and have an important yet challenging role to take on in today's blended household. This story helps define the relationship between a Stepmom and her stepkids, and teaches children that LOVE is what makes someone family.

The ultimate resource for separated and divorced parents, written by an internationally acclaimed expert on divorce and its impact on children. This comprehensive and empowering guide is filled with practical, effective ways to minimize the effects of divorce on children, and offers immediate solutions to the most critical parenting problems divorce brings. In this go-to resource, Christina McGhee addresses the issues of utmost importance to parents: ? How and when to tell the children about the divorce ? Guiding children through transition ? Helping children cope with having two homes ? Dealing with finances ? Managing a difficult relationship with an ex ? And more Offering advice on explaining things to every age group—from toddlers to teenagers—in plain, consistent, and age-appropriate terms, Parenting Apart also offers practical suggestions for parents to help them maintain their own sense of stability and take care of their own well-being while taking care of their kids.

Get family dinner on the table in 30 minutes or less without sacrificing beauty or flavor, from the beloved blogger and author of The Pretty Dish. “The new go-to book for home cooks

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everywhere. Yum!”—Ree Drummond, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Pioneer Woman Cooks* With her down-to-earth style, can-do attitude, and gorgeous photography, Jessica Merchant presents *Everyday Dinners*, your new guide for meal prepping. Along with plant-based, one pot, and slow cooker recipes, Jessica also includes weekly dinner plans, ideas, tips and tricks, and even a 45- to 60-minute meal prep game plan for the weekends to keep cooking easy and quick on busy weeknights. You and your family will be delighted and nourished by Jessica’s recipes for Roasted Sweet Potatoes with Honey Ginger Chickpeas and Tahini, Tuscan Cheese Tortellini Soup, Honey Dijon Pretzel-Crusted Salmon, Grilled Peach BBQ Pork Chops with Napa Slaw, and Garlic + Chive Butter Smashed Potatoes. As life gets busier, it’s increasingly harder to set aside time to put a nourishing meal on the table after a long day. In *Everyday Dinners*, Jessica gives us the tools and tricks to make that possible. Looking for a gift for your mother-in-law? This journal, with its colorful floral cover and from-the-heart title makes a wonderful gift idea for birthdays, holidays, special occasions and those times when she comes through for you once again. Details 6x9-inches 101 lined journal pages inside with feather pen & inkwell silhouette From-the-heart saying paperback cover design Matte, paperback cover Affordable gift ideas for a departing or retiring coworker for under 10 dollars

A perfect summertime read for fans of John Green, Stephanie Perkins, and Sarah Dessen: It was Sloane who yanked Emily out of her shell and made life 100% interesting. But right before what should have been the most epic summer, Sloane just...disappears. All she leaves behind is a to-do list. On it, thirteen Sloane-inspired tasks that Emily would normally never try. But what if they could bring her best friend back? Apple picking at night? Okay, easy enough.

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Dance until dawn? Sure. Why not? Kiss a stranger? Um... Emily now has this unexpected summer, and the help of Frank Porter (totally unexpected), to check things off Sloane's list. Who knows what she'll find? 'Some books leave a very real mark on you and Since You've Been Gone is one of those utterly brilliant books' - The Guardian 'A winning blend of touching moments, memorable characters and situational humor takes readers to a surprising revelation at the story's end.' - Kirkus Reviews 'Morgan Matson is the epitome of YA contemporary.' - Ariel Bissett, Booktuber and blogger

Connecting deeply with our kids can be difficult in our busy, technology-driven lives. Reading aloud offers us a chance to be fully present with our children. It also increases our kids' academic success, inspires compassion, and fortifies them with the inner strength they need to face life's challenges. As Sarah Mackenzie has found with her own six children, reading aloud long after kids are able to read to themselves can deepen relationships in a powerful way. Founder of the immensely popular Read-Aloud Revival podcast, Sarah knows first-hand how reading can change a child's life. In *The Read-Aloud Family*, she offers the inspiration and age-appropriate book lists you need to start a read-aloud movement in your own home. From a toddler's wonder to a teenager's resistance, Sarah details practical strategies to make reading aloud a meaningful family ritual. Reading aloud not only has the power to change a family—it has the power to change the world.

This guidebook, packed with wisdom, practical advice, resources, and encouragement, explores how moms can equip their sons with what they most need to succeed in life. Monica Swanson knew she'd tapped a heartfelt concern when nearly two million readers shared her blog post "What a Teenage Boy Needs Most from His Mom." In this helpful book, she takes



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mothers deeper into the insights they need for the boy-raising journey, covering topics from dealing with the daily influences of friends and technology to helping a boy grow to be physically, spiritually, and emotionally healthy. She also addresses learning and finding passions, perspectives on relationships and dating, and work ethics and money management. Each chapter features relatable stories, handy checklists, and practical advice based on a combination of research, experience, and biblical truth to guide and equip a mom in helping her son achieve his God-given potential.

In rhythmic verse, *My Bonus Mom!*, shows children of divorced families that a positive attitude can lead to a happy outcome and springs open their hearts and minds to accept their own bonus moms. It captures the mixed emotions that surge through young children as they deal with divorce and adjust to remarriage. The children work through their feelings of dismay, fear and anger, and grow to love dad's new wife, whom they come to think of as their bonus mom. Twice the attention, twice the love, twice the fun and twice as many birthday presents! What's not to love? Earned Honorable Mention at 2013 Southern California Book Festival!

Baseball games are supposed to be fun, right? I got tickets to bring my son. Popcorn, soda and an easy day in the sun, but then I saw him. But Surprise! There's Michael. His last name is Irons. He plays major leagues and he's the father of my son. Every instinct told me to take our boy and run. I hadn't known his name or how to get in touch with him the past six years. Now not only does he see me in the stand, it takes him a glance at my boy and he knows the truth. It was like fate brought us to this point, but he climbed into the fan benches to talk and flirt. I told myself it was just about our son, but alone, our conversations are getting heated. I didn't expect our magical memory would be burned in his brain. Or he'd want me again. All I

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wanted was a quiet life to raise my son. Ball players are dangerous. But what happens when the season ends? Let me tell you the truth... I never expected what actually happened. From a New York Times bestselling author and Caldecott-honor winning artist comes an exuberant illustrated story about playing dress up, having fun, and feeling free. The boy loves to be naked. He romps around his house naked and wild and free. Until he romps into his parents' closet and is inspired to get dressed. First he tries on his dad's clothes, but they don't fit well. Then he tries on his mom's clothes, and wow! The boy looks great. He looks through his mom's jewelry and makeup and tries that on, too. When he's discovered by his mother and father, the whole family (including the dog!) get in on the fun, and they all get dressed together. This charming and humorous story was inspired by bestselling and award-winning author Peter Brown's own childhood, and highlights nontraditional gender roles and self-expression.

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