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The Present Mother Thomas Nelson

In the gaping cracks between our mommyhood expectations and the messy reality, magic shines through. So much legend, tradition, and everyday talk makes pregnancy out to be a magical experience. But there's no sparkle, no glitter and glamour when you need to pee 3,302 times per night or are struggling to understand what each baby wail means. A Mother's Manifesto punctures those myths that becoming a mom is all radiance and bliss and balances the hopes and dreams of every new mom and mom-to-be by delivering a roller-coaster of emotion and honesty to recast every breakdown as a breakthrough. Sara knows, all around the globe, a mom is a mom is a mom. Regardless if baby's first solid meal is pureed pear or . . . hummus. She shares her story of living in Dubai with NYC habits, a London-Lebanese mindset, and Palestinian perseverance to empower moms everywhere to find the good in the midst of the hard, discouraging, or overwhelming. Topics include the pre-preggo phase, pregnancy, and the first year of mommyhood, including how Sara adjusted when an X-ray revealed her baby had hip dysplasia—a congenital misalignment requiring her to wear a brace. A Mother's Manifesto tackles unexpected and even uncomfortable topics with ease and humor to help fellow moms dig extra deep to find strength, let alone magic in the moments when you resent this baby you're supposed to love, loathe your husband, or lose yourself and want solely to find a glimpse of sanity . . . and you again.

Mom Brain Simon and Schuster

A "Mom Must-Read"—Parents A National Parenting Product Award (NAPPA) Winner Easy-to-follow practices that will help moms find quick, daily opportunities to reset and refocus with mindfulness Moms can feel as if they are sprinting through life, crashing onto the pillow at day's end only to start again the next morning. In

Breathe, Mama, Breathe, psychotherapist Shonda Moralis outlines the benefits of daily meditation and shows moms how to do it—in just five minutes! Plus, she shares over 60 "mindful breaks" that will help moms tune into their own well-being (along with everyone else's): Eat a mindful breakfast—with no phone, TV, or newspaper! Cuddle your child and take three deep breaths together. Give yourself a mindful-mommy high five—because moms can use positive reinforcement, too. Every mom—whether caring for a new baby, an overscheduled grade-schooler, or an angsty teen—can become a mindful mama!

**Essence of a Mother** Simon and Schuster

Toddler a\*\*holery is a normal part of human development—not unlike puberty, except this stage involves throwing food on the floor and taking swings at people who pay your way in life. For parents of toddlers, it's a "you better laugh so you don't cry" period. Bunmi Laditan's hilarious, satirical guide to toddlerhood offers parents instant (and very welcome) comic relief—along with the very good news that "It's Not Your Fault." Chapters cover the cost of raising a toddler, feeding your toddler, potty-training, tantrums, how to manage the holidays, and "how not to die inside." Parents will see themselves in the very funny sections on taking your toddler to restaurants ("One parent will spend their time walking your toddler around the restaurant and outside like a cocker spaniel, while the other, luckier parent will eat alone."), Things You Thought You'd Never Say That You Now Say As a Parent of a Toddler ("I can tell you're pooping because your eyes are watering."), and how to order pizza ("Spend \$40 on pizza delivery. Listen to your toddler cry for 30 minutes about how the pizza is all wrong. Watch your toddler take a small bite of crust. Google 'can anger give you a heart attack?' Start the bedtime routine."). Laditan's wildly funny voice has attracted hundreds of thousands of fans of Honest Toddler on social media; here she speaks parent-to-tired-parent, easing the pains and challenges of raising toddlers with a hefty dose of adult humor

and wit.

**Boss Mom** She Writes Press

A simple and sweet parenting book with 365 tips—a new one to try every day! As a parent, you want the best for your child, and one of your greatest hopes is that your child will grow up to be a good person. So, what makes a good person? Generally, we think about good people as being kind: those who are compassionate, empathetic, generous. However, it seems that, in our fast-paced, individual-driven society, kindness is fading and the pressure on parents to raise socially conscious, empathetic, and caring children can seem overwhelming at times. In Teaching Kids to Be Kind, Rachel Tomlinson draws from her professional experiences to provide 365 inspiring strategies to help children and families practice kindness every day of the year. Daily tips include: Taking your child shopping around the holidays to select a new toy to donate to another little boy or girl their age. Leaving little notes in their lunch box or school bag for them to find. This models unconditional love and consideration for others. Baking a cake together to teach patience and teamwork and build on their ability to delay gratification. An essential tool for parents, Teaching Kids to Be Kind will help children develop empathy, regulate their emotions, and improve their general well-being as well as support families in strengthening their overall relationships.

**936 Pennies** Simon and Schuster

From the political climate to natural disasters, to managing the stress and overwhelm of everyday life, women have more to deal with than ever. Life feels overwhelming and exhausting much of the time. The third in her Hot Mess to Mindful Mom series, One Minute to Zen will provide numerous tools to help deal with stress in one minute, the same amount of time it can take for all hell to break loose! When teaching moms across the country, while giving talks to corporations, and across Ali's thriving social media channels, people are asking for more tools to use quickly and effectively to help recover from the stress they face in daily life. In One Minute to Zen, Ali has compiled a list

of tools that make it possible to recalibrate, achieve balance, and recover from stress quickly and with ease, in order to live a more mindful and joyful life. Known for her authenticity and relatability, Ali shares personal stories and anecdotes to help connect her audience and show how to really put her suggestions to use. The goal is to put these tools into the hands of every mother who needs them (we all do!) and also teach them how to pass them on to their children, thus creating in each family a chain reaction of calm and confidence when faced with challenges big and small.

*Hot Mess to Mindful Mom* CreateSpace Rich, soul-inspiring practices for moms who have neither quiet nor time. Dirty laundry, crayon-smearred bills, and smashed crackers . . . And there's your Bible—buried under a pile of diapers. Bleary-eyed from lack of sleep, without a moment of peace and quiet, you wonder if the spiritual life you crave is even possible. But God sees you. He designed this parenting journey, after all. He understands the chaos of motherhood. And he joins you in everything—whether you're scrubbing the floor, nursing a fussy newborn, or driving to soccer practice. Catherine McNiel invites you to connect with God right here, in the sacred mundane of every mothering moment.

#### **Raising Kanye** NavPress

The hilarious new stand-alone romantic comedy perfect for any mom who's tried to have it all. "I don't think I have laughed out loud so much at a book while at the same time - felt so emotionally connected to the characters." -This Book, That Life On social media, April Davis totally has her life in order. She's the Calm Mom—a social influencer with a reputation for showing moms how to stay calm and collected through yoga. Ha, as if. Because behind the scenes, April's barely holding it all together. Her kids aren't behaving, her husband left her for his skydiving instructor, and her top knot proves she hasn't showered in days... Then a live video of the "always chill" April goes viral. Now everyone knows that "Calm Mom" is most definitely not. Now a media conglomerate has purchased April's brand and too-sexy-for-his-own-good Jack Gibson has been sent to clean up April's viral mess. But toddler tea parties and a dog with a penchant for peeing on his shoes is definitely not part of the deal. Now April's calm has disappeared faster than her kids running from vegetables. Worse, the sparks flying between her and Jack have her completely out of her depth. And this Not-So-Calm Mom is going to need a lot more than margaritas to find her way back

to herself again. Each book in the Mommy Wars series is STANDALONE: \* Rachel, Out of Office \* There's Something About Molly \* April May Fall \* Everything's Fine, Emmaline

#### Feng Shui Mommy Anchor

In *Hot Mess to Mindful Mom*, Ali Katz, a meditation teacher, mindfulness coach and mom of two young boys shares the ways that she literally transformed her life from a hot mess, to one filled with presence, joy and gratitude. Ali does this by holding nothing back, and sharing her struggles as well as her accomplishments with humor and grace. In 40 bite sized chapters, Ali breaks her tips into three categories: Non-negotiables: things she does every day Add-ons: things she does as needed Attitude adjustments: personal changes she's made along the way that helped her to grow as a person Don't just feel like you are making it through the days until bedtime. With Ali's help you can savor every moment of raising your kids, and not only become a better mom, but a better person too. Topics are covered such as: Self-care and self-love Creating rituals Forgiving yourself and others Cultivating gratitude Mindful eating One-minute meditations Expanding time Be the mom that is so together everyone else wants to know your secret. Don't wait to make these changes, and begin to see every day as a gift, not a chore. You owe it to yourself and your family to find the balance, joy, and happiness in every day. As Shubhanshu Tiwari says, "You cannot change everything around you, but you can create a better world within yourself." You have the power to create an inner landscape of peace and calm that not only makes you feel grounded and secure, but allows your whole family to as well. Commit to creating your best life right now, and get started!

#### *Primates of Park Avenue* The Collective Book Studio

9. When one mother dares to open her mind, cherish the stress of her mothering challenges, and turn it into a deeper connection with her children, it inspires other mothers to make the same radical transformation in their lives. Through your mothering struggles, *The Present Mother* facilitates you toward your own spiritual enlightenment. Part intimate memoir and part selfinquiry workbook, it demonstrates an effective way to see and release the root cause of any type of disconnection you have with your child. It shows you exactly how to question the thoughts that cause any kind of confusion, dissatisfaction or stress you experience in your mothering. It shows you exactly how to use those same thoughts to unlock your

inner peace, happiness, and a deepest connection imaginable with your child using this 40-day parenting workshop with your own spiritual guide: Yourself. With ingredients from the fields of Mindfulness, Neuroscience, Child Development, Yoga, and Spiritual Enlightenment, *The Present Mother* shows you a way to: -Understand the root cause of your parenting challenges with complete clarity and begin again in truly enjoying being a parent; -Work with your own thoughts so you can stop passing on any kind of unproductive patterns to your child and instead, pass on what you want; -Shed any guilt you feel over what you've said or done to your child in the past and repair your relationship so you can be a positive influence on your child again; -Melt away your worries about your child and instead, have quick, easy, complete access to your wisdom, creativity, kindness and joy; -Stop any doubts you have in your mothering abilities so you can more consistently be the powerful, loving leader you want to be for your child; -Be a fully present mother in body, mind and spirit.

#### **Mamaste** Rockridge Press

Distinguished pediatrician Dr Robert Bucknam, M.D. and co-author Gary Ezzo are two of the world's leading experts on baby sleep and feeding patterns. Millions of new mothers across the globe are coming toward this new brand at an increasing pace as they find and share the life changing success they are achieving with their newborns. This updated Anniversary edition celebrates 25 years with Bucknam and Ezzo's groundbreaking approach which has found favor with over six million parents in all 50 states and has been translated into 20 languages around the world. For 25 years, *On Becoming Babywise* has been the de facto newborn parenting manual for naturally synchronizing your baby's feeding time, waketime and nighttime sleep cycles, so the whole family can sleep through the night. In his 28th year as a licensed Pediatrician, Dr. Robert Bucknam, M.D. along with co-author Gary Ezzo, demonstrate how order and stability are mutual allies of every newborn's metabolism and how parents can take advantage of these biological propensities. In particular, they note how an infant's body responds to the influences of parental routine or the lack thereof. Early chapters start with explorations of everyday aspects of infant management such as the three basic elements of daytime activities for newborns: feeding time, waketime, and napttime. Practical discussions then focus on broad and niche topics including feeding philosophies, baby

sleep problems, baby scheduling challenges, nap routines, sleep training multiples, baby sleeping props, Colic and Reflux and many other dimensions which impact breast feeding schedules, bottle feeding tips, and baby sleeping training. Five resource Appendixes provide additional reference material: 1) Taking care of baby and mom 2) A timeline of what to expect and when 3) Baby Sleep Training Problems and Solutions 4) Monitoring Your Baby's Growth 5) Healthy Baby Growth Charts On Becoming Babywise is more than an infant-management concept. It is a mindset for successful parenthood. It can help any parent develop a plan that meets both the needs of a new baby and of the entire family. These principles have worked for millions of parents and, when applied with common sense to your unique situation, can work wonderfully for you too! Recommended by doctors across the country.

#### Mom Brain Simon and Schuster

In a world where women are overwhelmed with empty personal growth messages, it can be hard to navigate what's real, and what's just a sales pitch. A Little Less of a Hot Mess: The Modern Mom's Guide to Growth and Evolution helps quiet the noise with practical, simple, and powerful invitations for real healing and growth. The twelve invitations and practices shared in this book offer the modern mom a path toward imperfect evolution, so that she can live her life authentically. Through vulnerable and often humorous storytelling, as well as clinical expertise, licensed therapist Kaitlin SoulÉ invites readers into a step-by-step healing process that takes the whole woman to heart. Moms aren't just parents, they are: World leaders Teachers Nurturers Creators Providers SoulÉ recognizes the importance of mental and emotional wellness for mothers, guiding readers through nonlinear, intentional evolution. Moms, YOU are worth the time it takes to be whole—step into the driver's seat of life and say yes to the invitation for growth!

#### Weed Mom Rowman & Littlefield

The first three trimesters (and the fourth—those blurry newborn days) are for the baby, but the Fifth Trimester is when the working mom is born. A funny, tells-it-like-it-is guide for new mothers coping with the demands of returning to the real world after giving birth, The Fifth Trimester is packed with honest, funny, and comforting advice from 800 moms, including: •The boss-approved way to ask for flextime (and more money!) •How to know if it's more than "just the baby blues" •How to pump breastmilk on an

airplane (or, if you must, in a bathroom)

- What military science knows about working through sleep deprivation
- Your new sixty-second get-out-of-the-house beauty routine
- How to turn your commute into a mini-therapy session
- Your daycare tour or nanny interview, totally decoded

#### Rage Against the Minivan Simon and Schuster

\*\*Free interactive meditation and resource area included with the book! Are you fed up with feeling stressed and stretched thin-yet never "skinny" enough to be happy? Are you burned out on diets, overwhelmed with work and drowning in family obligations? Mindful Is the New Skinny is for any woman who struggles with numerous demands and unrealistic expectations of a perfect body and a perfect life. This book describes a new way of thinking about the challenges in your life, and the way you relate to yourself and others for a happier, healthier, more peaceful existence. "A joyful life is not the result of perfection and judgment but rather of self-compassion." There are five sections: Self compassion/self care Healthy and Mindful Eating Stress Reduction- Mind and Body Changing your Mind Relationships and Forgiveness As a bonus for purchasing this book, you will have access to a meditation and resource library that includes audio meditations, visualizations, recipes, fun tips, poems and meditation scripts. Written by a psychotherapist and holistic health coach who's been in your shoes, the author offers a sane and sustainable approach to ending the love-hate relationship with food and yourself-once and for all. In clear, fun and relatable language, Jodi gently guides you into a mindfulness practice by sharing her best practices, tips and techniques. She reveals how to change your mindset, combat stress and lose your emotional weight so you can look and feel your best inside and out. With hard-won wisdom that life is less about "to do"-ing and more about "be"-ing, the author will have you loving life, your body and yourself like never before. Jodi Baretz, LCSW, CHHC is a psychotherapist, mindfulness and health coach in private practice at the Center for Health and Healing in Mt. Kisco, NY. She runs a popular mindfulness bootcamp based on this book and is keynote speaker on the topic of mindfulness. She has two sons and lives with her husband in Westchester County NY. Visit: JodiBaretz.com

#### **ON BECOMING BABY WISE - 25TH A** Convergent Books

Give your kids the decluttering guide that will encourage their independence and

create a more peaceful home for your family. Allie Casazza has created a resource for you to show kids how to create and design their own space, offering practical ideas on organization and productivity, kid-friendly inspiration for mindfulness, and interactive pages for creativity. Allie has encouraged women to simplify and unburden their lives as the host of The Purpose Show podcast and through her first book Declutter Like a Mother. Now she's helping you equip your kids and tweens to discover the same joy of decluttering as they design and create a space that supports their interests and goals, make more room in their lives for playtime and creativity, increase productivity and find renewed focus for schoolwork, learn valuable life skills, and cut down on cleaning time, reduce stress, and feel more peaceful. Your kids will start to understand that the less they own, the more time they have for what's important. Written in Allie's fun, motivational voice, Be the Boss of Your Stuff is ideal for boys and girls ages 8 to 12, includes photography and interactive activities with space to write, draw, imagine, and plan, shares step-by-step instructions for decluttering, offers added practical, personalized instruction from Allie's children, Bella and Leeland, and is a great gift for coming-of-age celebrations, the first day of spring, New Year's, Easter, birthdays, back-to-school, or school milestones. As your kids become more proactive in taking care of their stuff, you'll find your whole family has more time and space for creativity and fun. After all, less clutter, less stress, and less chaos in your kids' lives means more peace, more independence, and more opportunity to grow into who they're meant to be. Read Allie's first book, Declutter Like a Mother, to further equip yourself in decluttering while you empower your kids to embrace their space.

#### **Breathe, Mama, Breathe** Workman Publishing

Julie Jensen used to believe that mothering meant being on task--making homemade cupcakes for school birthday parties, chauffeuring her kids to all of their various activities, and so on. But as her Multiple Sclerosis progressed, she was no longer physically able to keep up, and she watched one role after another slip away. It forced her to look inside: Was her value just her physical body and her ability to do and be productive? Julie soon realized that these activities were far less important than she ever imagined and that the true source of her power came from within. Her children simply needed to be close to her to feel connected. Far too much emphasis



is placed on doing and not enough on being. A mother's real purpose is to endow her children with a deep understanding of connection, love, self-esteem, and compassion while reinforcing the importance of human values. In her heartfelt, encouraging book, Julie shares the lessons she has learned about fostering self-reliance, taking it slow, cultivating radiance, adopting an attitude of gratitude, and being mindful.

**One Minute to Zen** Chronicle Books  
The dumpster fire of life rages on, but you got this. Practice six rules to keep you grounded, weather the storm, and actually be a decent person. It may seem like the world is going to hell in a hand basket right now. Whether it's big stuff like politics and climate change, or just the daily spin of paying your bills, getting to work on time, and fending off social media trolls, we can all admit, modern life ain't easy. Here are six really good guiding principles, inspired from the ancient wisdom of Buddhism and mindfulness practice, to keep you anchored and steady amidst the chaos.

#### **Get the Most out of Motherhood**

**Entangled: Amara**  
Navigate the worlds of cannabis and parenting with this essential guide for women interested in learning more about THC, dispensaries, micro-dosing, edibles, and how to incorporate it all into a healthy family life. With national marijuana legalization on the horizon, more and more mothers are looking for information about how to safely and responsibly use cannabis. Known as "weed moms," these trailblazers are breaking down the social stigma surrounding cannabis and parenting, creating a modern culture all their own. *Weed Mom* is the first and only book for these mothers, celebrating how weed can be a safe and healthy way to relax, destress, and improve their social lives and relationships. As mothers find themselves on the frontline of a societal shift, this book is more timely than ever. Packed with information for both the seasoned and first-time user, this book offers friendly and practical advice including: the basics of THC and CBD what to look for at the dispensary tips and tricks for various intake methods micro-dosing cannabis-friendly talking points for family and friends how to use cannabis to improve your romantic relationships and

much more!

**Parenting with Sanity & Joy** HarperCollins  
Award Winner in the "Parenting & Family" category of the 2017 Best Book Awards  
\*2017 Bronze Medal Winner of the Living Now Book Awards\* Slow down and take time for yourself—because a better you is a better mom! The second book in the Hot Mess to Mindful Mom series, *Get the Most out of Motherhood* will help moms create balance, peace, and well-being in their homes, leaving behind their old ways of being constantly stressed-out and frantic. In the first book, Ali focused on internal issues and taught women that by caring for themselves first, they can better care for their families and loved ones. This book is the natural next step for moms who now understand that a better you equals a better mom! She will guide women on how to embrace their best selves while parenting so they can strengthen relationships with their children, create systems in their homes that work, and actually enjoy doing it. It is divided into three parts: • Mindful mom mindsets: bring your best self to parenting • Mindful mom methods: systems for your home that work • Mindful mom moments: ways to bond with your kids Easy and accessible, and filled with unique tools and ideas as well as personal examples that readers will relate to, this book will help moms go beyond the basics to build a healthier and happier family unit.

**Be the Boss of Your Stuff** The Experiment  
Cribsheet meets *The Sh!t No One Tells You* in this no-holds-barred, judgment-free parenting guide that sets the record straight on every hot-button parenting topic by longtime journalist and founder of the viral #NoShameParenting movement. What if you could do more for your kids, by doing a whole lot less? Parenting today has become a competitive sport, and it seems that everyone is losing. From the very moment that little line turns blue, parents-to-be find themselves in a brave new world where every decision they make is fraught, every action they take is judged, and everything they do seems to be the wrong thing. Formula feed? Breast is best. Breastfeed in public? That's indecent. Cry it out? You're causing permanent harm to your child. Don't sleep train? Your child will never learn to sleep on his or her own. Stay home? You're

setting a bad example for your kids. Go back to work? Don't you love your kids more than your job? Lindsay Powers—former editor-in-chief of Yahoo! Parenting, creator of the #NoShameParenting movement, and mom of two—is here to help parents everywhere breathe a collective sigh of relief. This laugh-out-loud funny, accessible, and reassuring book sets the record straight on all of the insane conflicts that parents face—from having a glass of wine while pregnant to sleep training, childcare, feeding, and even sex after baby. Drawing on the latest research and delivered in a relatable, comforting voice, *You Can't F\*ck Up Your Kids* demonstrates that it is possible to take the stress out of parenting and sit back and enjoy the ride.

**Sara, the Bucket Filler** Simon and Schuster

"Ali is a breath of fresh air amidst the crazy world of parenting and family life." —Robyn Youkilis, author of *Go with Your Gut* and founder of *Your Healthiest You* blog From the political climate to natural disasters, to managing the stress and overwhelm of everyday life, women have more to deal with than ever. Life feels overwhelming and exhausting much of the time. The third in her Hot Mess to Mindful Mom series, *One Minute to Zen* will provide numerous tools to help deal with stress in one minute, the same amount of time it can take for all hell to break loose! When teaching moms across the country, while giving talks to corporations, and across Ali's thriving social media channels, people are asking for more tools to use quickly and effectively to help recover from the stress they face in daily life. In *One Minute to Zen*, Ali has compiled a list of tools that make it possible to recalibrate, achieve balance, and recover from stress quickly and with ease, in order to live a more mindful and joyful life. Known for her authenticity and relatability, Ali shares personal stories and anecdotes to help connect her audience and show how to really put her suggestions to use. The goal is to put these tools into the hands of every mother who needs them (we all do!) and also teach them how to pass them on to their children, thus creating in each family a chain reaction of calm and confidence when faced with challenges big and small.