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[Psalms for Trials: Meditations on Praying the Psalms](#) Canon Press & Book Service

There's no such thing as "just" a mom. Despite the routine tasks and mundane to-do lists, motherhood is anything but insignificant. God has designed motherhood as part of his greater plan to draw people to himself—instilling all women, whether called to traditional mothering or not, with an eternal purpose in nurturing others. In this book, Gloria Furman searches the Scriptures for the mission of God in motherhood. She opens our eyes to God's life-giving promises—promises intended to empower each and every woman as she makes disciples in her home, in her neighborhood, and around the world.

[Loving the Little Years: Motherhood in the Trenches](#) Firefly Books

Another beautiful gift book from (in)courage celebrates all kinds of mothers and mother-figures, filled with real-life stories, Scripture, brief devotions, and biblical encouragement.

[Always There](#) Brazen

Teach kids how to pray with this beautifully illustrated Bible storybook.

[Little Mercies](#) Beacon Press

Examines the common belief that mothers should invest an enormous amount of time and energy in raising children, which places an additional burden on working women and reinforces the assumption that men are ineffective parents

[Motherhood Comes Naturally \(and Other Vicious Lies\)](#) Canon Press & Book Service

Veteran social worker Ellen Moore is a fiercely dedicated children's advocate and a devoted mother and wife. But one blistering summer day, a simple moment of distraction will have repercussions that Ellen could never have imagined, threatening to shatter everything she holds dear, and trapping her between the gears of the system she works for. Meanwhile, ten-year-old Jenny Briard suddenly finds herself on her own, forced to survive with nothing but a few dollars and her street smarts. The last thing she wants is a social worker, but when Ellen's and Jenny's lives collide, little do they know just how much they can help one another.

[Surprised by Motherhood](#) Canon Press & Book Service

"Everyone is so busy giving the classical education to the students that I'm not sure people have taken the time to actually tell them why it matters..." Rebekah Merkle knows which high school classes you like and which you roll your eyes at, which books you enjoy and which you kinda skim. That's because she went through this whole thing called classical education, too: She was a guinea pig in one of the very first classical Christian schools in the country. Written for students by a (former) student, *Classical Me, Classical Thee* is lighthearted and--most importantly for you busy high-schoolers--very short. It has a simple goal: to explain why you students are doing what you do in class. (SPOILER: Grades aren't the point--you won't use your knowledge of the Iliad Book 5 every year until you die.) What you do in class is a drill -- and nobody drills for the sake of the drill. You do drills so that you can win the game. The real tragedy, though, would be if you didn't know you were doing drills... or didn't know there was a game at all. Grades aren't the point. So drill to win.

*Mothers, Sex, And Sexuality* Penguin Group Australia

Let Jim Fay and Charles Fay, Ph.D., help you start your child off on the right foot. The tools in *Love and Logic Magic for Early Childhood* will give you the building blocks you need to create children who grow up to be responsible, successful teens and adults. And as a bonus you will enjoy every stage of your child's life and look forward to sharing a lifetime of joy with them.

*She Looks Just Like You* Quarto Publishing Group USA

Rebecca Solnit's timely follow-up to her national bestseller *Men Explain Things to Me* offers a refreshing take on contemporary feminism.

*Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary PB with CD-ROM* WaterBrook

In this guidebook to happier parenting, author Sheila McCraith shares daily thoughts, tips, and motivational personal stories to help you toss out the screams and welcome in the peace. Do you often find yourself losing your cool and yelling at your kids (or grandkids or students)? It happens to us all, but it doesn't have to. With *Yell Less, Love More*, you'll learn practical, simple solutions to keep you focused on loving more and yelling less, no matter what the circumstance. Take the Orange Rhino 30-day challenge to yell less, organized into 30 short, approachable, and easy-to-

follow daily sections—which you can use and adjust in any way that works for you. Whether you have one child or twenty (or one you still yell at who is twenty), strengthen your relationships and maybe even laugh a little more—by taking the challenge today. *The Rhino: A naturally calm animal that charges when provoked. The Orange Rhino: A person that parents with warmth and determination and who doesn't charge with words when angry, impatient, or simply in a bad mood. Yell Less, Love More* includes: 100 alternatives to yelling Simple, daily steps to follow Honest stories to inspire Parenting revelations A summarizing chapter of key takeaways, including most frequent triggers and multiple solutions for each of them Trigger-tracking sheets Unlike the preachy, unrealistic, dry, and/or tedious parenting books you've read before, *Yell Less, Love More* is like having a heart-to-heart talk with your best friend. With this warm, colorful, and easy-to-use guide, it is possible to stop yelling and start enjoying a calmer, happier life because of it.

*The Midnight Library: A GMA Book Club Pick* Demeter Press

The swooning Victorian ladies and the 1950s housewives genuinely needed to be liberated. That much is indisputable. So, First-Wave feminists held rallies for women's suffrage. Second-Wave feminists marched for Prohibition, jobs, and abortion. Today, Third-Wave feminists stand firmly for nobody's quite sure what. But modern women—who use psychotherapeutic antidepressants at a rate never before seen in history—need liberating now more than ever. The truth is, feminists don't know what liberation is. They have led us into a very boring dead end. *Eve in Exile* sets aside all stereotypes of mid-century housewives, of China-doll femininity, of Victorians fainting, of women not allowed to think for themselves or talk to the men about anything interesting or important. It dismisses the pencil-skirted and stiletto-heeled executives of TV, the outspoken feminists freed from all that hinders them, the brave career women in charge of their own destinies. Once those fictionalized stereotypes are out of the way—whether they're things that make you gag or things you think look pretty fun—Christians can focus on real women. What did God make real women for?

*Risen Motherhood (Deluxe Edition)* Crossway

Christians love the idea that self-expression is the essence of a beautiful person, but that's a lie. Rachel Jankovic discusses identity, fake self-care, best self, and the Gospel in this confident and practical new book for Christian women.

*How Not to Hate Your Husband After Kids* WaterBrook

*Mothers, Sex, and Sexuality* talks about things not normally dared spoken out loud—the interconnectedness and conflict between our parental and sexual selves, the taboo of the sexual mother, and why it matters so much to shatter it. What is it about the sexual mother that

is incompatible, and at times even disturbing? Why are we threatened by maternal sexuality? And what does this tell us about the structures of gender and power that govern our bodies? *Mothers, Sex, and Sexuality* presents a rigorous academic analysis of the myriad ways in which the sexual/maternal divide affects women, birthing people, and those of us who assume or are ascribed the title "mother". We examine the way we as mothers talk to our daughters about sex, the way we talk about sex in a cultural context, and the deafening silence around sex in a medical system that overlooks maternal sexuality. We return repeatedly to the impact of both Christianity and Hinduism on the mother as someone to be revered but tightly controlled. We embrace the lost eroticism of mothering and hail breastfeeding as a sexual maternal practice, arguing for a new, broader, feminist understanding of sexuality. We discuss the way fat mothers destabilize the heteronormative maternal model, the way kinky queers are reconfiguring the sexual/maternal divide through erotic role-play, and we explore the strange, intense, and romantic domestic relationship that springs up between mothers and nannies—two heterosexual women trapped together in a homoerotic triangulation of need and desire. In a titillating climax we revel in the sexual maternal as embodied through performance art, poetry, installations, and comedy, disrupting queer readings of bodies as we are invited to both fuck, and fuck with, the maternal. This book boldly provides both a challenge to the patriarchal constraints of motherhood and a racy road-map escape route out of the sexual-maternal dichotomy.

*Love and Logic Magic for Early Childhood* Baker Books

THIS HIGHLY GIFTABLE DELUXE EDITION OF THE BESTSELLER INCLUDES THREE ALL-NEW CHAPTERS *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.

**You Who?** Little, Brown

"I didn't write this book because mothering little ones is easy for me. I wrote it because it isn't. I know that this is a hard job, because I am right here in the middle of it. I know you need encouragement because I do too." In this book, Rachel Jankovic, mother of seven, offers practical advice on how to persevere in the high but demanding call of motherhood. This is not a tender reminiscence from someone who had children so long ago that she only remembers the sweet parts. This is a small collection of thoughts on mothering young children for when you are motivated, for when you are discouraged, for the times when discipline seems fruitless, and for when you are just plain old tired. The opportunities for growth abound here but you have to be willing. You have to open your heart to the tumble. As you deal with your children, deal with yourself always and first. This is what it looks like, and feels like, to walk as a mother with God.

**Living, Learning, Loving** Simon and Schuster

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." (Ecclesiastes 3:1) Your life as a mom is a whirlwind of changing seasons that can leave you exhilarated one day and exhausted the next. Take time to catch your breath with Sally Clarkson as she shares personal stories and heartfelt insights to refresh your spirit. She opens her own seasoned heart as a homeschooling wife and mother to be a voice of heartfelt encouragement for your life at home. Step out of the whirlwind, pour a cup of tea, and take a deep breath of God's Spirit with Sally. "God will use all your seasons to shape and challenge your heart, to prepare you to be a mother after his heart, and to equip you to raise wholehearted children for Christ who will follow him, and then do the same for their own children. It is your calling." -- Sally Clarkson

**Yell Less, Love More** Tales That Tell the Truth

If "Who am I?" is the question you're asking, Rachel Jankovic doesn't want you to "find yourself" or "follow your heart." Those lies are nothing to the confidence, freedom, and clarity of purpose that come with knowing what is actually essential about you. And the answer to that question is at once less and more than what you are hoping for. Christians love the idea that self-expression is the essence of a beautiful person, but that's a lie, too. With trademark humor and no nonsense practicality, Rachel Jankovic explains the fake story of the Self, starting with the inventions of a supremely ugly man named Sartre (rhymes with "blart"). And we--men and women, young and old--have bought his lie of the Best Self, with terrible results. Thankfully, that's not the end of our story, *You Who: Why You Matter and How to Deal with It* takes the identity question into the nitty gritty details of everyday life. Here's the first clue: Stop looking inside, and start planting flags of everyday faithfulness. In Christianity, the self is always a tool and never a destination.

*The Mother of All Questions* Canon Press & Book Service

Discover how understanding God's purpose and design can empower

you to be the mother you long to be. No calling is greater, nobler, or more fulfilling than that motherhood. Every day, as we nurture our children, mothers influence eternal destiny as no one else can. Tragically, today's culture minimizes the vital importance of a mother's role. In *The Mission of Motherhood*, Sally Clarkson helps you rediscover the joy and fulfillment to be found in the strategic role to which God in all his wisdom has called you, for a purpose far greater than you can ever imagine.

**Love You Forever** Hats Office Books

"Get this for your pregnant friends, or yourself" (People): a hilariously candid account of one woman's quest to bring her post-baby marriage back from the brink, with life-changing, real-world advice. Recommended by Nicole Cliffe in Slate Featured in People Picks A Red Tricycle Best Baby and Toddler Parenting Book of the Year One of Mother magazine's favorite parenting books of the Year How Not To Hate Your Husband After Kids tackles the last taboo subject of parenthood: the startling, white-hot fury that new (and not-so-new) mothers often have for their mates. After Jancee Dunn had her baby, she found that she was doing virtually all the household chores, even though she and her husband worked equal hours. She asked herself: How did I become the 'expert' at changing a diaper? Many expectant parents spend weeks researching the best crib or safest car seat, but spend little if any time thinking about the titanic impact the baby will have on their marriage - and the way their marriage will affect their child. Enter Dunn, her well-meaning but blithely unhelpful husband, their daughter, and her boisterous extended family, who show us the ways in which outmoded family patterns and traditions thwart the overworked, overloaded parents of today. On the brink of marital Armageddon, Dunn plunges into the latest relationship research, solicits the counsel of the country's most renowned couples' and sex therapists, canvasses fellow parents, and even consults an FBI hostage negotiator on how to effectively contain an "explosive situation." Instead of having the same fights over and over, Dunn and her husband must figure out a way to resolve their larger issues and fix their family while there is still time. As they discover, adding a demanding new person to your relationship means you have to reevaluate -- and rebuild -- your marriage. In an exhilarating twist, they work together to save the day, happily returning to the kind of peaceful life they previously thought was the sole province of couples without children. Part memoir, part self-help book with actionable and achievable advice, *How Not To Hate Your Husband After Kids* is an eye-opening look at how the man who got you into this position in this first place is the ally you didn't know you had.

**Any Time, Any Place, Any Prayer** Canon Press & Book Service

*Because Motherhood Isn't Just a Job. It's a Calling.* A mother's day is packed with a multitude of tasks that require energy and time: preparing meals, washing clothes, straightening and cleaning the house, and caring for children. These jobs all are necessary and crucially important. But in the dailyness of providing for a child's physical, emotional, and social needs,

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vital opportunities for spiritual nurture and training can be overlooked. This doesn't have to be the case. You can focus your energy on what matters most. Learn how you can:

- Make Life's Mundane and Nitty-Gritty Moments Work for You and Not Against You.
- Discover Ways to Make Character-Building a Natural Part of Live.
- Teach Your Child in the Same Way Jesus Taught the Disciples.
- Pass on Crucial Gifts that Will Serve Your Family for a Lifetime.

Using biblical wisdom and practical teachings, Sally Clarkson shows how you can make a lasting difference in your child's life by following the pattern Christ set with his own disciples—a model that will inspire and equip you to intentionally embrace the rewarding, desperately needed, and immeasurably valuable Ministry of Motherhood.

**The Cultural Contradictions of Motherhood** Moody Publishers

Bible-based thoughts and counsel about how mothers can more joyfully and effectively love the children God has entrusted to them, written by a Christian mother of four small children. Chapters contain personal anecdotes, biblical exposition of key themes and challenging questions.