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ROACH WEAVER

Call of the Wild Abrams

Heartfelt reflections to comfort new moms during the first three months with baby. The first three months with your baby are filled with lots of feelings and life changes. This book of inspirational quotes and original artwork gently guides you through your fourth trimester and empowers you to give yourself grace, accept your changing body, and trust your mothering intuition. Whether you're a first-time mom or having your next one, this book is the perfect pick-me-up whenever you need reassurance that you've got this. • Comforting daily reflections for the first 12 weeks after birth (broken out by weeks) • Encouraging messages touching upon everything from bonding with your baby to accepting changes to your body • Stylish hand-drawn lettering and illustrations • Beautiful soft-touch cover and original artwork A great baby shower gift for anyone that wants to help mom and baby adjust to their beautiful new life together! "What a beautiful book! As a new mom, I'm so thankful for something that encourages me and other moms right where we are." -Sadie Robertson Huff

Build Your Nest Mandala Tree Press

'This is a fascinating book, by a leading researcher, covering one of the most exciting areas of modern nutritional research - how what we eat impacts our gut and brain. The combination of personal stories and cutting edge science is a real winner.' Michael Mosley You feel how you eat. We accept that the quality of our diet affects the health of our heart and liver. So why wouldn't diet - good or bad - affect the health of our brain? This is the question that Australian scientist Felice Jacka set out to answer. Having suffered depression and anxiety as a young woman, she wanted to understand the role diet plays in our overall mental and brain health. What she found through her own research and that of other eminent scientists worldwide will revolutionise the way we think about what we eat and how we care for our brains. *Obesity and depression are two major causes of disease and disability across the globe, and each influences the other. *Food does affect mood: highly processed foods increase depression risk, while a balanced, whole-food diet can prevent depression and improve mood. *A healthy diet improves gut health, and in turn health microbiota (gut bacteria) promote brain health and keep our weight in check. *A healthy diet improves brain performance at all ages, from school-age kids to their work-stressed parents. *The Mediterranean diet is linked to lower rates of Alzheimer's disease and general cognitive decline in older people. Professor Jacka, who leads the field of Nutritional Psychiatry research globally, provides not just the most recent scientific evidence but also a range of simple, practical solutions for improving the way we eat on a daily basis, including meal plans and a range of delicious recipes. This is not a diet book. This is a guide to the good habits that will protect your most precious organ, improve your quality of life and optimise mental and brain health across your lifespan. PRAISE FOR BRAIN CHANGER 'Jacka is leading the way in providing evidence-based approaches that are rooted in cutting-edge science to transform how we think about mental health.' Professor John Cryan

The First Six Weeks Penguin

HAND IN HAND, TOGETHER WE CAN First-time moms strive to carry babies to term and experience easy labor. Few are prepared for the immediate challenges after delivery, the "fourth trimester." Thus, this unique and holistic collection of alternative tips and practical advice for Moms by Moms was born. Deepen your breath with essential oils and clean air. Warm your tummy with nourishing foods. Feel your center and strengthen your core with intuition. Share and rediscover with your baby the joy of nature and language. Learn to ask questions, settle anxieties, and employ strategies when you suspect developmental delays. Equip yourself with a postpartum depression-busting wellness plan as well as a process to become sensational in the face of being a single mom. Plan ahead with finances and luck cycles. Most importantly, awaken refreshed from great

"mountain" feng shui. Let these amazing mama entrepreneurs and professionals from diverse fields of expertise hold your hand, save you time, change your life and give you more sleep! FOR MOMS BY MOMS ABOUT MOMS For the first time, new mothers can expect to find a book that is entirely devoted to smoothing out the rapid transition after delivery when creating a new family. This book, unlike many others, is focused on helping the new mom navigate all areas of care that a new arrival necessitates. The chapters in this book emerge as five sections: ~ Mama Care, especially for the first six weeks after delivery (with yummy postpartum recipes from Traditional Chinese Medicine traditions) ~ Self Care, to give new moms permission to care for themselves (including essential oils and cultivating one's Mother Intuition) ~ Baby Care, to make motherhood easier for mama (e.g., cloth diapering made easy) ~ Home Care, for peaceful havens (indoors and out) ~ Family Care, for easing into parenthood with a significant other (including financial planning and adventures in multilingualism) You asked for it. You have it. The sequel to the New Moms, New Families book is now out! BIRTH FORMATIONS: What Multiple Home Births Teach About Living, Laboring, and Mothering in the Now When asked by mamas of one and mamas of two how she does it, Ng delivers her nuts-and-bolts approach on how to actualize the New Age concept of living in the present moment before conception, during pregnancy, throughout delivery and in the midst of postpartum motherhood for the busy woman who desires to do and have it all.

Real Food for Pregnancy Blue Star Press

Having a baby can and should be one of the most joyful experiences of a woman's life. While there are hundreds of books that provide information on how to ensure the development of a healthy baby, few of them dedicate more than a few pages to the nourishment of the mother herself during this physically and emotionally demanding time. It is rarely discussed, but women commonly experience a wide variety of ailments during the postpartum period, from depression to anxiety, backache, and loss of libido. A Natural Guide to Pregnancy and Postpartum Health is the first book by physicians that is devoted entirely to telling women how they can prevent postpartum problems and attain optimum health after the delivery of their babies. Elements of the program, which is meant to be adopted during-or, if possible, before-pregnancy, include diet, nutritional supplementation, exercise, hormone-balancing, the use of medicinal herbs, and conventional medications. Developed by the authors in clinical practice, this program has a proven track record in helping women to avoid and overcome postpartum difficulties.

Good Moms Have Scary Thoughts Univ of California Press

The Build Your Nest workbook offers expectant parents a postpartum planning process for having rest, support, and care after their babies are born. It gives plenty of guide posts, and yet supports people in finding their own way. They come through the process with a personalized plan, specific to their parenting style, family structure, and community. The workbook* honors this time with a new born as precious and sacred* addresses your needs for nourishment, rest, baby bonding, and community* supports you in personal reflection* affirms your inner wisdom and parenting styles* helps you uncover resources you may not realized were there* invites dialogue between you and your partner, supporting alignmentThe Workbook draws on traditional postpartum practices that honor new mothers with care with a focus on recovery and long term health. Specifically, I look to Chinese Medicine and traditional Asian practices that are about rest and warmth. The workbook guides you in setting up contingency plans for unexpected birth outcomes and challenges specific to the postpartum time. It offers information on cesarean recovery, mental health challenges, breastfeeding and bottle feeding. It also has a multiples section for parents expecting twins or triplets. It explains placenta encapsulation, belly wrapping, and other DIY recovery tools. It also explores other aspects of your life that are affected like your finances and your family relationships. I take a holistic approach that is both gentle and informative, empowering you to pick and choose what is right for you and your family.The workbook can help you plan for slowing down and savoring your newborn, feeling rested and taken care of, and knowing that you have a

community there to help you when you need it.The workbook includes:* holistic tips for healing* practical solutions to common challenges-journal exercises* planning calendars and worksheets* a pregnancy-to-do list-getting to know your local resources* complete template for your postpartum planEven if you have the most attentive work-at-home partner or your mother is coming for 2 weeks or you've hired a postpartum doula, The Workbook will be enormously helpful. You will see how their support fits into your larger plan and ease the transition when you no longer have their support. Creating a broader base of support will help you feel more connected to your community.You may have older children and you have been through all this before. While in some ways experienced mothers can welcome a new baby with more confidence and ease, it is important to remember that each birth and each baby is a whole new experience. Usually families with older children receive less support even though their parenting load is growing. Careful planning and calling in support is beneficial to the whole family, helping older siblings adjust to life with a newborn.Mothers benefit from being well taken care of. Babies benefit from having mothers that are well taken care of. Siblings, husbands, partners benefit from having mothers that are well taken care of. There is always more love to go around, when there is less stress. This is something that we can plan for!

The Fourth Trimester Bantam

Replenish and rejuvenate your postpartum body with these 75 easy, healing, and protein-rich recipes designed with new moms in mind. After giving birth, most mothers are well-versed in feeding patterns and schedules for their little ones, yet little attention is given to their own nutrition. The Postnatal Cookbook offers 75 simple, easy-to-prepare recipes for truly nourishing the postnatal body—what is ultimately best for both mother and baby! Written by a registered dietitian and lactation consultant, these delicious recipes are specially formulated with the nutritional needs of a new mom's fourth trimester. Inside you'll find: - Quick and easy protein-packed meals like Spinach Egg Bites, Mediterranean Salmon Wraps, and One-Pan Lemon Chicken - Satisfying, nutrient-rich snacks such as No-Bake Bliss Balls and Flax Seed Granola - The nutritional information every postpartum mom needs to eat healthily - And much more! Based on the latest research in nutrition science, this cookbook prioritizes the foundation of whole food, healthy eating for recovering mothers. Nutrients of vital importance to postpartum such as iron, protein, vitamin D, and omega three-rich foods are highlighted in each recipe.

The Fourth Trimester Ulysses Press

The first three months of a baby's life is an outside-the-uterus period of intense development, a biological bridge from fetal life to preparation for the real world. The fourth trimester has more in common with the nine months that came before than with the lifetime that follows. This comprehensive, intimate, and much-needed "operating manual" for newborns presents a new paradigm of a baby's early life that shifts our focus and alters our priorities. Combining the latest scientific findings with real-life stories and experiences, Susan Brink examines critical dimensions of newborn development such as eating and nutrition, bonding and attachment, sleep patterns, sensory development, pain and pleasure, and the creation of foundations for future advancement. Brink offers well-informed, practical information and the reasons behind her advice so that parents and caretakers can make their own decisions about how to care for a newborn during this crucial period. The Fourth Trimester assures readers that infants are as biologically capable as they are physically helpless. They thrive on what is readily available in every household: consistent, loving attention.

What No One Tells You Crown

A must-have baby shower gift for expectant dads! In this one-of-a-kind guide, dad, doula, and certified lactation counselor Brian Salmon and perinatal mental health and relationship expert Kirsten Brunner offer practical, modern-day survival tips for expectant dads and birth partners. Gone are the days when fathers would nervously pace the waiting room while their partners gave

birth. Dads are participating in childbirth now more than ever before. However, if you're like many men, you may feel unprepared, uncomfortable, or even unwelcome in the birth room. For you, this book offers battle-tested tips to help you get in the game and prepare for one of the most incredible adventures of your life. Based on the author's Rocking Dadschildbirth course, this book will teach you everything you need to know about supporting your partner through birth, breastfeeding, and beyond. In this guide, you'll discover pointers and advice you won't find in any other childbirth or breastfeeding guide, including: A list of items to pack for the hospital that will help mom's labor go more smoothly Stealth communication skills that you can utilize during early labor to support mom and keep her in a positive state of mind How to write a birth plan that the labor and delivery nurses will actually pay attention to What to say and do—and what not to say and do—when mom is in active labor and feeling all the feelings A detailed account of what to expect in the delivery room as a birth partner, and how to navigate the unknown terrains when things don't go as planned How to help mom achieve proper nipple latch when she attempts breastfeeding for the first time Finally, and perhaps most importantly, you'll find tips for maintaining a strong relationship with your partner before, during, and after the birth so that you feel closer than ever when you launch into the wild yet wonderful world of parenthood.

Postpartum 30 Chronicle Books

"Every parent's postpartum journey is unique and worthy of respect." Embark on your fourth trimester journey with the guide that covers everything you need to know about the postpartum period. "Understanding Postpartum Adjustment: A Guide to Managing and Living with the Challenges of the Fourth Trimester" is your comprehensive handbook to successfully navigate through the post-childbirth experience. Discover what the fourth trimester truly entails as this book demystifies the physiological and emotional changes occurring during this often overlooked yet crucial stage. Find invaluable insights on conditions such as postpartum depression, anxiety, and psychosis, so you can identify symptoms and seek timely help if necessary. Practical self-care strategies are the cornerstone of recovery after childbirth. With this book, you'll learn the best ways to manage physical discomfort, maintain proper nutrition, and address the challenges of breastfeeding and sleep deprivation. This guide provides effective pain management strategies, advice on resuming physical activity, and ways to nurture your body image and self-esteem. Unearth the complexities of postpartum relationships, and the profound impact a new baby has on them. Understand the significance of communication and teamwork with your partner, and the importance of building a supportive network. Experience candid discussions about postpartum sexuality and intimacy, tackling a topic often pushed aside in the chaos of new parenthood. Recognize the importance of addressing postpartum mental health, with practical strategies for coping with stress and anxiety while adjusting to a new normal. The book prepares you for the balance between parenting and work, including crucial advice on maternity leave, returning to work, and breastfeeding in the workplace. Gain essential insights into childcare options, parenting challenges, and building a meaningful bond with your baby. You'll also find guidance on establishing healthy sleep routines and practical tips on stress and anxiety management. From understanding your baby's developmental milestones to embracing your own strengths and talents postpartum, this guide supports you in every step of your journey. "Understanding Postpartum Adjustment" reaffirms that you're not alone in this journey, offering encouragement to seek support and treatment for postpartum adjustment challenges. Welcome to your fourth trimester - a challenging, rewarding, and transformative phase of your life. Table of contents: Introduction What is the fourth trimester? Overview of postpartum adjustment The impact of postpartum adjustment on daily life Understanding Postpartum Adjustment Normal postpartum physical and emotional changes Postpartum depression and anxiety Postpartum psychosis Taking Care of Yourself Postpartum Physical recovery after childbirth Breastfeeding and lactation support Sleep deprivation and strategies for getting rest Navigating Postpartum Relationships The impact of a new baby on relationships Communication and teamwork with a partner Building a support system Managing Postpartum Mental Health Identifying symptoms of postpartum depression and anxiety Seeking professional help for postpartum mental health issues Self-care strategies for postpartum mental health Postpartum Sexuality and Intimacy The impact of childbirth on sexuality Resuming sexual activity postpartum Intimacy and connection with a partner postpartum Managing Postpartum Pain and Discomfort Physical discomforts postpartum Pain management strategies postpartum Coping with postpartum complications Postpartum Nutrition and Fitness Nutritional needs postpartum Exercise and fitness postpartum Body image and self-esteem postpartum Returning to Work Postpartum Balancing work and parenting postpartum Maternity leave and

returning to work Pumping and breastfeeding in the workplace Postpartum Childcare and Parenting Navigating parenting postpartum Childcare options postpartum Coping with parenting challenges postpartum Managing Postpartum Stress and Anxiety Coping strategies for postpartum stress and anxiety Mindfulness practices for postpartum stress and anxiety Seeking support for postpartum stress and anxiety Postpartum Bonding with Your Baby Building a bond with your baby postpartum Skin-to-skin contact and babywearing postpartum Baby development and milestones postpartum Postpartum Sleep and Routines Sleep and routine challenges postpartum Strategies for establishing a postpartum routine Sleep training and sleep hygiene postpartum Postpartum Self-Care and Wellness Strategies for postpartum self-care Building a support system postpartum Embracing strengths and talents postpartum Conclusion Recap of key takeaways Encouragement to seek support and care for postpartum adjustment challenges ISBN: 9781776848157

The Fourth Trimester New Harbinger Publications

A compilation of photographs and personal stories of women after they've delivered their babies.

Nurture National Geographic Books

You've been preparing for this moment over the last 9 months. You've meticulously poured over decisions to make your baby's transition into this world just right. But how much thought and planning have gone into your transition into motherhood? In this comprehensive and warmhearted guide, Dr. Jolene Brighten, a Naturopathic Doctor and mother, shares her tips, natural techniques, and over 30 herbal and nutritional recipes to support healing and the transition into motherhood. Healing Your Body Naturally After Childbirth provides answers and solutions to common postpartum conditions, including: - Breastfeeding support and natural solutions to enhance milk supply - Herbal preparations to heal vaginal tissues, cracked nipples and more - Natural approaches to elevating mood and easing anxiety - Autoimmune thyroid, urinary incontinence, pelvic pain, digestive support and many other conditions that can arise from childbirth *Brain Changer* Gloria Ng

A 24-year-old woman is referred from the emergency department with sudden onset of left iliac fossa pain and you are the medic on duty...100 Cases in Obstetrics and Gynaecology presents 100 commonly seen obstetric and gynaecological scenarios. The patient's history, examination and initial investigations are presented along with questions on the di

New Moms, New Families Independently Published

"Life After Birth may be currently classified as the most authoritative document ("the bible"?)

about the fourth trimester".-Michel Odent, MD "Diane's book is a refreshing and wide-ranging look at the all-important, and vastly underrated fourth trimester. I hope it's widely read by parents-to-be well before they encounter the challenges that have been culturally overlooked for so long."-John W. Travis, MD, MPH, co-author, Wellness Workbook "Diane Speier has written a book I wish had been available when I had my three children many years ago. This is a book whose time has come; actually, has been overdue! I consider her knowledge, her experience, and her research presented with clarity, skill, and compassion as essential information for every woman expecting a baby. I feel privileged to write this foreword. I have known Dr. Speier for about 35 years and have admired her superb programs dealing with the needs of women during pregnancy, birth, and the postpartum period. She has the expertise of not only having lived the experience of parenting herself but has created hundreds of programs for other mothers and families, and researched this period of life for her PhD, developing a deep understanding. This book has incorporated a whole new level of information made palatable, easily taken in, digested, and available to new birthing families."-Phyllis Klaus LMFT, LMSW Having a baby is a game changer. The mix of emotions is intense - life is exciting and frightening, exhilarating and exhausting, blissful and stressful. Knowing what to expect and how to handle the changes relieves feelings of anxiety and apprehension, so you can feel confident and competent as you optimize your time during the fourth trimester. Although the transition to parenthood will transform your lives, as individuals and as a couple, there's a real gap in practical information on how to successfully steer through the early days and weeks of the postpartum period. This book addresses the gap with up to date holistic knowledge and resources for empowering the whole family, with a purposeful emphasis on the mother's wellbeing. The important topics that are covered include: -The fourth trimester - Hormones -Breastfeeding -Bonding and attachment -The partner relationship -Maternity leave /going back to work -Father's/partner's lived experience Life After Birth: A Parent's Holistic Guide for Thriving in the Fourth Trimester is the first book to apply energy medicine to the postpartum period, with techniques that make it a perfect strategy for managing the energy lows of the fourth trimester. These techniques become powerful self-care strategies for handling the intense day to

day responsibilities of newborn parenting. Dr. Diane S. Speier has been a birth and postpartum professional for 40 years in both the U.S. and UK, starting as a certified childbirth educator and doula in 1978. She is dedicated to helping new mothers move through the postpartum period, offering groups, workshops and classes for mothers and babies for 20 years. Her PhD in Women's Studies (University of Manchester, UK, 2002) was a feminist exploration of women's experience of childbirth. Diane is a practicing holistic psychotherapist and hypnotherapist, specializing in perinatal psychology, perinatal mood and anxiety disorders, and recovering from birth trauma. Diane is the mother of four children, and the grandmother of three grandchildren (and step-mother and step-grandmother), and lives in the North West of England.

The Happiest Baby on the Block Grand Central Life & Style

"What a gift to new and expecting moms. You have no idea the mountain and rollercoaster you're about to embark on, but Nurture somehow gives you a peek in and gives you essential information to help ground you." -Catherine McCord, founder of Weelicious and One Potato A comprehensive and judgement-free pregnancy companion: Nurture is the only all-in-one pregnancy and birthing book for modern mothers-to-be and their partners who want a more integrative approach. Author Erica Chidi Cohen has assisted countless births and helped hundreds of families ease into their new roles through her work as a doula. Nurture covers everything from the beginning months of pregnancy to the baby's first weeks. This empowering book includes: • Supportive self-care and mindfulness exercises, trimester-specific holistic remedies, nourishing foods and recipes for every month of pregnancy, and expert tips for every birth environment. • More than 40 charming and helpful illustrations, charts, and lists can be found throughout. • Dozens of important topics that every modern mom needs to know including fetal development, making choices for a hospital, home or birth center birth, the basics of breastfeeding, tips on what to expect postpartum, and more. Nurture is an all-inclusive pregnancy and birthing guide book that gives soon-to-be mothers and their partners the information they need to make decisions, feel confident, and enjoy the beauty of creating new life. Nurture is a thoughtful and helpful gift for expecting mothers and their partners. Erica Chidi is co-founder and CEO of Loom in Los Angeles, CA. She began her work in San Francisco, volunteering as a doula within the prison system, working with pregnant inmates. She went on to build a successful doula and health education practice in Los Angeles and has been featured in Women's Health, Vogue, Goop, The Cut and Marie Claire.

The Birth Guy's Go-To Guide for New Dads Js Coaching

From trauma educator and somatic guide Kimberly Ann Johnson comes a cutting-edge guide for tapping into the wisdom and resilience of the body to rewire the nervous system, heal from trauma, and live fully. In an increasingly polarized world where trauma is often publicly renegotiated, our nervous systems are on high alert. From skyrocketing rates of depression and anxiety to physical illnesses such as autoimmune diseases and digestive disorders, many women today find themselves living out of alignment with their bodies. Kimberly Johnson is a somatic practitioner, birth doula, and postpartum educator who specializes in helping women recover from all forms of trauma. In her work, she's seen the same themes play out time and again. In a culture that prioritizes executive function and "mind over matter," many women are suffering from deeply unresolved pain that causes mental and physical stagnation and illness. In Call of the Wild, Johnson offers an eye-opening look at this epidemic as well as an informative view of the human nervous system and how it responds to difficult events. From the "small t" traumas of getting ghosted, experiencing a fall-out with a close friend, or swerving to avoid a car accident to the "capital T" traumas of sexual assault, an upending natural disaster, or a life-threatening illness—Johnson explains how the nervous system both protects us from immediate harm and creates reverberations that ripple through a lifetime. In this practical, empowering guide, Johnson shows readers how to metabolize these nervous system responses, allowing everyone to come home to their deepest, most intuitive and whole selves. Following her supportive advice, readers will learn how to move from wholeness, tapping into the innate wisdom of their senses, soothing frayed nerves and reconnecting with their "animal selves." While we cannot cure the painful cultural rifts inflicting our society, there is a path forward—through our bodies.

Healing After Birth Simon and Schuster

This guidebook will help mothers make sense of their unexpected birthing experiences. It will help them understand why they are struggling in the postpartum-no matter how many days, months, or years it has been. And, it will lead them through simple yet effective reflective exercises that they can do at home to help them feel better.

100 Cases in Obstetrics and Gynaecology CRC Press

Winner of the Chicago Review of Books Fiction Award A Good Morning America Book of the Month Selection • A Popsugar Must-Read Book of the Month • A BuzzFeed Most Anticipated Book of the Year • A The Millions Most Anticipated Book of the Year “Provocative.... [An] assured, beautifully written book.” —Sarah Lyall, New York Times In this provocative meditation on new motherhood—Shirley Jackson meets *The Awakening*—a postpartum woman’s psychological unraveling becomes intertwined with the ghostly appearance of children’s book writer Margaret Wise Brown. There’s a madwoman upstairs, and only Megan Weiler can see her. Ravaged and sore from giving birth to her first child, Megan is mostly raising her newborn alone while her husband travels for work. Physically exhausted and mentally drained, she’s also wracked with guilt over her unfinished dissertation—a thesis on mid-century children’s literature. Enter a new upstairs neighbor: the ghost of quixotic children’s book writer Margaret Wise Brown—author of the beloved classic *Goodnight Moon*—whose existence no one else will acknowledge. It seems Margaret has unfinished business with her former lover, the once-famous socialite and actress Michael Strange, and is determined to draw Megan into the fray. As Michael joins the haunting, Megan finds herself caught in the wake of a supernatural power struggle—and until she can find a way to quiet these spirits, she and her newborn daughter are in terrible danger. Using Megan’s postpartum haunting as a powerful metaphor for a woman’s fraught relationship with her body and mind, Julia Fine once again delivers an imaginative and “barely restrained, careful musing on female desire, loneliness, and hereditary inheritances” (Washington Post).

The Upstairs House Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

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

The Fourth Trimester Companion Allen & Unwin

Your guide to the emotions of pregnancy and early motherhood, from two of America’s top reproductive psychiatrists. When you are pregnant, you get plenty of advice about your growing body and developing baby. Yet so much about motherhood happens in your head. What everyone really wants to know: Is this normal? -Even after months of trying, is it normal to panic after finding out you’re pregnant? -Is it normal not to feel love at first sight for your baby? -Is it normal to fight with your parents and partner? -Is it normal to feel like a breastfeeding failure? -Is it normal to be zonked by “mommy brain?” In *What No One Tells You*, two of America’s top reproductive psychiatrists reassure you that the answer is yes. With thirty years of combined experience counseling new and expectant mothers, they provide a psychological and hormonal backstory to

the complicated emotions that women experience, and show why it’s natural for “matrescence”—the birth of a mother—to be as stressful and transformative a period as adolescence. Here, finally, is the first-ever practical guide to help new mothers feel less guilt and more self-esteem, less isolation and more kinship, less resentment and more intimacy, less exhaustion and more pleasure, and learn other tips to navigate the ups and downs of this exciting, demanding time

Golden Month Anchor

When someone is expecting a child, they are the center of everyone’s focus, but once that baby is born, attention is directly shifted to the new bundle of joy, and mom and dad are often left without guidance or a manual of what to expect for themselves or this new baby. When I was expecting my first child, I was nervous, but thought that I had a pretty good idea of what to expect when bringing a new baby home. After all, I did have siblings, cousins, and I babysat throughout high school and college. What I didn’t realize is that these experiences came with a complete list of what to do when caring for these children, regardless of their age. Another thing that I didn’t take in to account, were the changes that I would personally experience with my own body, emotions, and personal relationships. There were small details that I wasn’t quite prepared for or knowledgeable about before I had children. This is why I created the *Fourth Trimester Expectations*, because while you can’t prepare for every scenario, new parents can at least feel more prepared and confident when they bring their new baby home.