

Watermelon

By Marian Keyes

Claire Webster's got it all - a perfect marriage to a handsome husband who provides well and now a darling baby girl—until the morning after she gives birth, when her husband, James, informs her that he's having an affair with their downstairs neighbor and deserts her and his child. Claire flies back to Dublin and the dubious security of her wacky family to sort out her life. A too-handsome hunk of younger man named Adam—whose motives in pursuing her must be suspect, mustn't they? - enlivens this story of survival in the face of crushing blows to one's self-esteem. Hilarious interior monolog, with Claire's refereeing the warring segments of her obstreperous psyche, puts this first novel on the Gen-X "must-read" list. It will appeal to mainstream, women's fiction, and romance fans, too.

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on Audio-Cassette

Little Earthquakes

By Jennifer Weiner

Four young women who seem to have little in common get to know each other in the late stages of first pregnancy and childbirth. At a time when each thinks she should be happy and fulfilled, there is the overpowering sense of fragile weariness that comes with a new baby. One of the women is married to a basketball star who shows up in the delivery room smelling of another woman's perfume; another has a steady, ambitious husband who loses his job and becomes a long-term couch potato. In the development of the individual stories, understanding, forgiveness, and maturity begin to emerge. The voices of the women drive the narrative, and the author, who also reads the story, gives each person a distinct and appealing personality. Female listeners will relate to the universality of the friendship and warmth among these characters.

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What Do You Do All Day

By Wendy Scheibe

Scheibe's hilarious debut is rife with wry observations from one overwhelmed mother of two, Jennifer Bradley. Jennifer's life goes awry when her husband, Thom, sets off on a three-month business trip to Singapore, leaving her in New York to deal with their five-year-old daughter, Georgia, a princess in training, and their rambunctious toddler, Max. The author wittily explores the questions that plague modern-day, middle class moms: What does it mean to be a good mother? Is it possible to balance work and home life? How do you preserve your identity when you are being pulled in so many directions? With her husband temporarily out of the picture, Jennifer, a former antiques expert, seeks companionship with other Stay At Home Moms ("SAHMs") and finds common ground with some of them. There is Sven, the buff, gay part-time swimming instructor at the Y, who has adopted a Chinese girl with his partner, and Angela, a high-powered exec who was let go after her maternity leave. With a light touch and a sparkling plot, Scheibe takes on the conundrums—and beauty—of motherhood for driven yet nurturing women.

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In Celebration of Mom



**Any mother could perform the jobs
of several air traffic controllers with
ease.**

~Lisa Alther

**Who ran to help me when I fell,
And would some pretty story tell,
Or kiss the place to make it well?
My mother.**

~Ann Taylor

**My mom is literally a part of me.
You can't say that about many
people except relatives, and organ
donors.**

~Carrie Latet



Everything She Thought She Wanted

By Elizabeth Buchan

Thirty-five-year-old Siena Grant enjoys a life that many women only dream of. A highly successful fashion consultant with her own business, a magazine column, a book deal and an American television show, Siena is also married to a loving, sensitive man. She and Charlie live in a trendy flat and enjoy intimate little suppers. What more could anybody want? For starters, Charlie is dreaming of a country home and children—not a life that appeals to the oh-so-chic Siena. Meanwhile, in 1959, 42-year-old Barbara Beeching, a married mother of two grown children, lives with her pilot husband, Ryder, in a charming country home and hosts the most delightful little parties. Perfect partners, Barbara and Ryder survived the atrocities of war over England and now face the rest of their lives as Ryder thinks of retirement and Barbara thinks of... Alexander Liberty, a hunky psychiatry student whose passion for her takes her by surprise.

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Motherhood: the Second Oldest Profession

By Erma Bombeck

What kind of mother would...
...hang up on E.T.?
...tip the tooth fairy?
...wash a measuring cup with soap after it held only water?
...reply when asked what it was like to give birth to Erma Bombeck, "It was a rotten job, but someone had to do it."
Read Erma Bombeck's hilarious book to find out...

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Family Tree By Barbara Delinsky

For as long as she can remember, Dana Clarke has longed for the stability of home and family. Now she has married a man she adores, whose heritage can be traced back to the Mayflower, and she is about to give birth to their first child. But what should be the happiest day of her life becomes the day her world falls apart. Her daughter is born beautiful and healthy, and in addition, unmistakably African-American in appearance. Dana's determination to discover the truth about her baby's heritage becomes a shocking, poignant journey. A superbly crafted novel, *Family Tree* asks penetrating questions about family and the choices people make in times of crisis.

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May Contain Nuts By John O'Farrell

Alice is a married, middle-aged Bridget Jones-dizzy, maddening, and somewhat endearing. Completely mental about her kids, she will stop at nothing to protect them—especially from being one-upped by ruthless Ffion's daughter, who is nothing short of perfect. When Alice's eldest seems certain to flub her crucial private-school entrance exams, Alice concocts a plan to impersonate her daughter and take the tests in her place. A big hitch: Alice does not have a head for math. A scene with Alice and her husband shopping for a disguise at Gap Kids is side-splittingly funny, as are some cocktail parties where the parents desperately try to impress their friends with their children's achievements...fun stuff, from the British equivalent of Dave Barry.

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Dating Big Bird By Laura Zigman

At thirty-five, Ellen Franck has a life many people dream about—a glamorous fashion industry job, an apartment in Greenwich Village, good friends—and yet Ellen is restless. Two years ago, the sight of her newborn niece, Nicole, (a.k.a. "The Pickle") made her realize what she was missing: a child of her own. But there's one problem. Malcolm, the man she loves, is too scarred by the long-ago death of his young son to ever consider fatherhood again.

Her biological clock ticking, Ellen's desire to have a baby only increases—especially when her sister Janice announces she's pregnant with her second child. Now Ellen must deal with the very real flaws in her relationship with Malcolm, and finally examine her doubts and fears about the only option that seems to be available—single motherhood. And so begins nine months of reading, Internet-surfing, and non-stop Zigmansque observations about morning sickness, stretch marks, accelerated hair growth, digestion, amniocentesis (and that's just the beginning). And Ellen . . . well, Ellen makes a final clear-eyed decision that will change her life.

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From Here to Maternity: a Novel of Total Exhaustion

By Kris Webb

Hapless 'Everygal' Sophie lives in Sydney with her beautiful and quirky best friend, Debbie. Both slave away at jobs they'd rather not reveal to potential boyfriends. The comic drama ensues when Sophie discovers she's pregnant, and Max, the "Y chromosome in question," has moved to San Francisco. Deciding to keep the baby, Sophie drags Debbie to her obstetrician appointments (where Debbie drools over Sophie's doctor) and accepts advice from a gaggle of friends she meets every weekend for coffee. The expected new single-mother conundrums arise as Sophie tries to keep a job and a baby-sitter and also balance a new business venture and boyfriend. Then Max reenters Sophie and baby Sarah's lives, further complicating matters.

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