

Confessions Of The Other Mother Nonbiological Lesbian Moms Tell All Harlyn Aizley

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one of the few books to explore lesbian parenting these hilarious heart wrenching painfully honest tales of mommyhood celebrate the ups and downs of being an lgbtqia parent in the 21st century joey solloway creator of transparent after author harlyn aizley gave birth to her daughter she watched in unanticipated horror as her partner scooped up the baby and said i m your new mommy while they both had worked to find the perfect sperm donor aizley had spent nine months carrying the baby and hours in labor so how could her partner

claim to be their child's mommy many diapers later aizley began to appreciate the complexity of her partner's new role as the other mother together they searched for stories about families like their own in which a woman has chosen to forgo her own birth experience so that she might support her partner in hers they found very few now in *Confessions of the Other Mother* aizley has put together an exciting collection of personal stories by women like her partner who are creating new parenting roles redefining motherhood and reshaping our view of two parent families contributors include hillary goodridge who was one of the lead plaintiffs in the case for same sex marriage in massachusetts stand up comedian judy gold and psychologist and author suzanne m johnson this candid peek into a previously unexamined side of lesbian parenting is full of stories that are sometimes humorous sometimes moving but at all times celebratory each parenting tale sheds light on the many facets of motherhood offering gay and straight readers alike a deeper understanding of what it means to love and parent in the twenty first century

a powerful collection of personal essays from lesbian moms who fought for the right to raise children for generations lesbians across the united states were systematically denied opportunities to raise children and build families opportunities that were readily available to straight people *Radical Family* honors the history making struggles and triumphs of lesbian families in madison wisconsin who raised children in the 1980s 90s and early 2000s a time when lesbian motherhood was widely considered extreme and unnatural in a collection of nine profoundly personal essays the contributors recount their diverse paths to parenthood as well as the hopes and challenges each family experienced while the stories in *Radical Family* are unique they all share a common thread the mothers resilience and the risks they took both small and sweeping to defend their family's right to exist for lesbians the desire to raise children has historically been met with vilification and legal and social prejudice adoption agencies consistently rejected applications from out lesbians doctors and clinics refused to provide fertility treatments and other medical options to help them get pregnant lesbians who were able to raise children commonly lost custody to estranged spouses or grandparents trailblazing lesbian mothers and their children fought to defy and ultimately shift this paradigm lesbian parents like those in *Radical Family* created informal networks in their local communities where they could share survival strategies and find acceptance among other families that looked like theirs with no rule book to guide them and few laws to protect them lesbian mothers created a new some might even say radical standard for what it means to be a family over and over the stories in *Radical Family* show how families fought back against hatred and homophobia with love resilience commitment and creativity their stories deepen our understanding of what it means to be a mother while showing how safety belonging and acceptance are universal human needs

this book recognizes that intense public battles are being waged in the u s over the rights of lgb people to form legally and culturally recognized families their families are under a kind of sociopolitical scrutiny at this historical moment that compels us all to take stock of our

strategies of family building and more broadly the meaning of family in the u s today through in depth open ended qualitative interviews with 61 self identified lesbian gay and bisexual people regarding how they came to have children or remain childless childfree this book reveals the challenges posed by homophobia and discrimination and showcases the creative strategies resilience and resourcefulness of lesbians bisexuals and gays as they build families with or without children after coming out from descriptions of how the early process of coming out affected the desire to parent or remain childfree to stories about the impact of homophobia and discrimination on the decision making process to the dynamics within couples that lead to becoming parents or remaining childfree to examining how cultural notions of the strength of biology are employed when having children to accounts of how the closet can be used strategically when bringing children into a family their voices form the heart of this book in a sociopolitical context in which gay lesbian and bisexual people often have to struggle to access the array of rights and opportunities that are afforded to most heterosexual people without question addressing the questions raised in this book is an urgent and necessary endeavor

feminist mothering goes beyond critiques of patriarchal motherhood to locate and investigate feminist maternal practices as sites for women s empowerment and social change the contributors see feminist mothering as practices of mothering that seek to challenge and change the norms of patriarchal motherhood that are limiting and oppressive to women for many women practicing feminist mothering offers a way to disrupt the transmission of sexist and patriarchal values from generation to generation contributors explore the ways in which women integrate activism paid employment nonsexist childrearing practices and non child centered interests in their lives and other caregivers into their children s lives in order to challenge existing societal inequality and create new egalitarian possibilities for women men and families

this essay collection documents the struggles and triumphs of ten lesbian families raising children in madison wi in the 1980s 90s and early 2000s this was a time when legal protections for gays and lesbians were in their infancy and lesbian mothers frequently lost custody of their children lesbian parents faced complicated logistics their families often were harassed and rejected and their basic rights as parents were threatened this book captures personal stories of women who fought to change this paradigm with no rule book to guide them and few laws to protect them they created a path for others to follow the authors recount their diverse paths to parenthood as well as the hopes risks and legal and cultural barriers they experienced though each story is unique they all have this in common resilient and risk taking acts both small and sweeping to defend their family s simple right to exist their stories deepen our understanding of what it means to be a mother while showing how family belonging and acceptance are universal human needs provided by publisher

the handbook of feminist family studies demonstrates how feminist contributions to family science advance our understanding of relationships among individuals families and

communities bringing together some of the most well respected scholars in the field the editors showcase feminist family scholarship creating a scholarly forum for interpretation and dissemination of feminist work the handbook s contributors eloquently share their passion for scholarship and practice and offer new insights about the places we call home and family the contributions as a whole provide overviews of the most important theories methodologies and practices along with concrete examples of how scholars and practitioners actually engage in doing feminist family studies key features examines the influence of feminism on the family studies field including the many ways feminism brings about a re visioning of families that incorporates multiple voices and perspectives centers the intersections of race ethnicity class gender sexuality age nation ability and religion as a pivotal framework for examining interlocking structures of inequality and privilege both inside families and in the relationship between families and institutions communities and ideologies provides concrete examples of how scholars and practitioners explore such facets of feminist family studies as intimate partnerships kinship aging sexualities intimate violence community structures and experiences of immigration explores how the infusion of feminism into family studies has created a crisis over deeply held assumptions about family life and calls for even greater fusion between feminist theory and family studies toward the creation of solutions to pressing social issues the handbook of feminist family studies is an excellent resource for scholars practitioners and students across the fields of family studies sociology human development psychology social work women s studies close relationships communication family nursing and health as a welcome addition to any academic library it is also appropriate for use in graduate courses on theory and methodology a portion of the royalties from this book have been contributed to the jessie bernard endowment sponsored by the feminism and family studies section of the national council on family relations in support of feminist scholarship

the first comprehensive resource book available for women who have chosen or are thinking of choosing single motherhood based on extensive research advice from child experts and family therapists and conversations with more than one hundred thinkers and single mothers this book funnels twenty five years of hindsight into up to date insight on all aspects of the choice motherhood movement from how to answer a child s daddy questions to the pros and cons of using a known donor to how the children of pioneering choice moms feel about the lifestyle this book is the one resource needed by every woman who makes this decision

personal stories of lesbian parenting from the nonbiological mother s perspective

sexual orientation in child and adolescent health care serves as a resource for child health care professionals including pediatricians family physicians nurses pediatric psychologists child and adolescent psychiatrists and social workers the issues of sexuality and sexual orientation now generate great interest among those who treat children this volume describes the effects of stigmatization on non heterosexual physicians patients and

students and discusses a variety of clinically relevant topics including the development of sexual orientations children of gay or lesbian parents young children with gender atypical behavior and the healthcare needs of gay and lesbian adolescents the last two chapters describe methods for improvement in medical education and medical care and provide extensive resources available to professionals and consumers

this insightful new work deals with all of the contemporary issues concerning parenting by gay men and lesbians it is designed to broaden readers thinking on homosexuality and homosexuals in general to include the dimension of children and parenting within the context of the homosexual family and to provide specific information about it the book also includes data on the children of gay and lesbian parents as well as a discussion of alternative forms of parenthood such as adoptive and foster parenthood stepparent families and gay men and lesbians in heterosexual family unions because of their special significance there are separate chapters on legal issues counseling needs and social psychological concerns for gays and lesbians considering parenthood

in a valuable resource several sons and daughters of lesbians candidly discuss their experiences growing up offering hope to other families of gays and lesbians

the fenway guide to lesbian gay bisexual and transgender health is the first truly comprehensive clinical reference to enhancing the health care and wellness of lgbt patients written by leading experts in the field and created in conjunction with fenway community health of boston one of america s most respected community based research and treatment centers this one of a kind resource examines the unique issues faced by sexual minority patients and provides readers with clear and authoritative guidance book jacket

this book explores the myths and prejudices that influence attitudes towards lesbians and gay men as parents it also suggests ways that social workers can more effectively support lesbian and gay adopters and foster parents

the encyclopedia of adolescence breaks new ground as an important central resource for the study of adolescence comprehensive in breath and textbook in depth the encyclopedia of adolescence with entries presented in easy to access a to z format serves as a reference repository of knowledge in the field as well as a frequently updated conduit of new knowledge long before such information trickles down from research to standard textbooks by making full use of springer s print and online flexibility the encyclopedia is at the forefront of efforts to advance the field by pushing and creating new boundaries and areas of study that further our understanding of adolescents and their place in society substantively the encyclopedia draws from four major areas of research relating to adolescence the first broad area includes research relating to self identity and development in adolescence this area covers research relating to identity from early adolescence through emerging adulthood basic aspects of development e g biological cognitive social

and foundational developmental theories in addition this area focuses on various types of identity gender sexual civic moral political racial spiritual religious and so forth the second broad area centers on adolescents social and personal relationships this area of research examines the nature and influence of a variety of important relationships including family peer friends sexual and romantic as well as significant nonparental adults the third area examines adolescents in social institutions this area of research centers on the influence and nature of important institutions that serve as the socializing contexts for adolescents these major institutions include schools religious groups justice systems medical fields cultural contexts media legal systems economic structures and youth organizations adolescent mental health constitutes the last major area of research this broad area of research focuses on the wide variety of human thoughts actions and behaviors relating to mental health from psychopathology to thriving major topic examples include deviance violence crime pathology dsm normalcy risk victimization disabilities flow and positive youth development

this is a book about lesbian sex written by a lesbian counselor for garden variety lesbians it was written with a specific intent in mind to help you achieve the kind of sex lives you want this book is for each of us a call to making our sex lives ours again for so many years we have given our sex lives away to the closest person family member or government we don't have to do that anymore here it is in black and white you can have what you want out of sex introduction

this is a hard hitting look at the many controversial issues that surround the subject of gay and lesbian parenting compiled under the editorship of jess wells herself a lesbian parent it delves below the shiny surface of perfect health and happy families and tackles some of the truths that are not always easy to face an important work dealing with one of the most controversial issues of the present day

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