

# Stepmonster A New Look At Why Real Stepmothers Think Feel And Act The Way We Do

The companion guide to Mini-Wife Syndrome: A Stepmother's Guide... Finally! A succinct, straightforward guide to Mini-Wife Syndrome written especially for Dad to help him understand what in the heck is causing so much chaos in his home. Mini-Wife Syndrome is real... not just a figment of your wife's imagination! In this guide we will discuss Mini-Wife Syndrome, including the symptoms, possible causes, and most importantly, what can be done to correct the problem and restore peace in your home.

If you have an ex-wife in your life that is ruining your current marriage and wreaking havoc with your family, read this book. It will give you the answers you need to live a life free of chaos, anger and frustration. *Say Goodbye to Crazy* is one of the few books that addresses how to cope with a hostile, angry ex-wife whose destructive behavior is overlooked by the courts, the society and sometimes, even your own husband. It is a life-saver. ~ Helen Smith, PhD, forensic psychologist and author of *Men on Strike*

Most little girls grow up dreaming of being a mom, but hardly any of them dream of becoming a stepmom. Nevertheless, approximately one million new stepfamilies are created every year. It ' s no secret, being a stepmother can be a living nightmare. But it can also be an enriching and rewarding experience—one that God can use to strengthen you,

helping you survive and even thrive in the toughest job you never asked for. Written by two women who are stepmothers themselves—and know the difficulties of helping to raise someone else ' s children—this book is filled with down-to-earth insights and advice for stepmothers from stepmothers. It also offers expert guidance from pastors and counselors on such issues as roles, expectations, realistic goals, organization, finances, holidays, vacations, relationships with stepchildren, negotiation, forgiveness, healing the past, building a strong marriage with stepchildren on the scene, dealing with in-laws and ex-spouses, sexual tensions in stepfamilies, health, depression, stress, and much more. While there is no magic formula to guarantee stepmother success, encouragement and practical wisdom are available in this much-needed resource.

Rebecca Eckler ' s newest book chronicles

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the hard truth of what it ' s really like to make a blended family. Blissfully Blended Bullshit is a witty, engaging, refreshingly candid chronicle of a modern family ' s journey as they blend households. We follow Eckler as her partner and his two children move in with her and her daughter. Then, thanks to a reverse vasectomy, they add a baby to the mix. Readers go along for the ride in this poignant, often hilarious tale, as everyone attempts to navigate their new roles: the children, the in-laws, the exes, the ex-in-laws, and even the dog. Lighthearted and intimate, this is an indispensable story about a family determined to make blended splendid, and the juicy truth of what it ' s really like behind closed doors in what is rapidly becoming a typical family makeup. Still, if Eckler had to blend again, would she?

The Single Girl's Guide to Marrying a

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Man, His Kids, and His Ex-Wife  
The Stepmoms' Club  
The O.C.  
The Unteachables  
Practical Steps to Help You Thrive  
Project Everlasting  
How to Get Rid of His Crazy Ex and  
Restore Sanity to Your Life  
Draculaura brings her  
ghoulfriends on a  
special trip to  
Transylvania for her  
dad's wedding! Dracula  
is getting a new wife-  
and Draculaura is  
getting a new  
stepmomster! Read all  
about her fangtastic  
adventure in this brand-  
new original Monster

High chapter book series! ©2015 Mattel. All Rights Reserved. A hilarious new middle grade novel from beloved and bestselling author Gordon Korman about what happens when the worst class of kids in school is paired with the worst teacher—perfect for fans of Ms. Bixby's Last Day. A good choice for summer reading or anytime! The Unteachables are a notorious class of misfits, delinquents, and academic train wrecks. Like Aldo, with

anger management issues; Parker, who can't read; Kiana, who doesn't even belong in the class—or any class; and Elaine (rhymes with pain). The Unteachables have been removed from the student body and isolated in room 117. Their teacher is Mr. Zachary Kermit, the most burned-out teacher in all of Greenwich. He was once a rising star, but his career was shattered by a cheating scandal that still haunts him. After years of phoning it in,

he is finally one year away from early retirement. But the superintendent has his own plans to torpedo that idea—and it involves assigning Mr. Kermit to the Unteachables. The Unteachables never thought they'd find a teacher who had a worse attitude than they did. And Mr. Kermit never thought he would actually care about teaching again. Over the course of a school year, though, room 117 will



experience mayhem,  
destruction—and maybe  
even a shot at  
redemption.

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Fossey, Wednesday Martin  
decodes the primate  
social behaviors of  
Upper East Side mothers  
in a brilliantly  
original and witty  
memoir about her  
adventures assimilating  
into that most secretive  
and elite tribe. After  
marrying a man from the  
Upper East Side and  
moving to the  
neighborhood, Wednesday

Martin struggled to fit in. Drawing on her background in anthropology and primatology, she tried looking at her new world through that lens, and suddenly things fell into place. She understood the other mothers' snobbiness at school drop-off when she compared them to olive baboons. Her obsessional quest for a Hermes Birkin handbag made sense when she realized other females wielded them to establish

dominance in their troop. And so she analyzed tribal migration patterns; display rituals; physical adornment, mutilation, and mating practices; extra-pair copulation; and more. Her conclusions are smart, thought-provoking, and hilariously unexpected. Every city has its Upper East Side, and in Wednesday's memoir, readers everywhere will recognize the strange cultural codes of

powerful social hierarchies and the compelling desire to climb them. They will also see that Upper East Side mothers want the same things for their children that all mothers want--safety, happiness, and success--and not even sky-high penthouses and chauffeured SUVs can protect this ecologically released tribe from the universal experiences of anxiety and loss. When Wednesday's life turns

upside down, she learns how deep the bonds of female friendship really are. Intelligent, funny, and heartfelt, *Primates of Park Avenue* lifts a veil on a secret, elite world within a world--the exotic, fascinating, and strangely familiar culture of privileged Manhattan motherhood"--  
A New York Times Bestseller "Here are three things about this book: (1) It's . . . funny and romantic; (2) the mystery at the heart

of the story will keep you turning the pages; (3) I have a feeling you'll be very happy you read it." —Jennifer E. Smith, author of *The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight* With the perfect mix of comedy and tragedy, love and loss, and pain and elation, the characters in Julie Buxbaum's *Tell Me Three Things* come to feel like old friends who make any day better. This YA novel is sure to appeal to fans of Rainbow Rowell, Jennifer

Niven, and E. Lockhart. Everything about Jessie is wrong. At least, that's what it feels like during her first week of junior year at her new ultra-intimidating prep school in Los Angeles. It's been barely two years since her mother's death, and because her father eloped with a woman he met online, Jessie has been forced to move across the country to live with her stepmonster and her pretentious teenage son,

and to start at a new school where she knows no one. Just when she's thinking about hightailing it back to Chicago, she gets an email from a person calling themselves Somebody/Nobody (SN for short), offering to help her navigate the wilds of Wood Valley High School. Is it an elaborate hoax? Or can she rely on SN for some much-needed help? In a leap of faith—or an act of complete desperation—Jessie



begins to rely on SN,  
and SN quickly becomes  
her lifeline and closest  
ally. Jessie can't help  
wanting to meet SN in  
person. But are some  
mysteries better left  
unsolved? More praise  
for TELL ME THREE THINGS  
"Three Things about this  
novel: (1) I loved it.  
(2) No, really, I LOVED  
it. (3) I wish I could  
tell every teen to read  
it. Buxbaum's book  
sounds, reads, breathes,  
worries, and soars like  
real adolescents do."

—Jodi Picoult, New York

Times bestselling author of *Leaving Time* and *Off the Page* "The desire to find out whether Jessie's real-life and virtual crushes are one and the same will keep [readers] turning the pages as quickly as possible." —PW, Starred "A heartfelt, wryly perceptive account of coming to terms with irrevocable loss when life itself means inevitable change."  
—Kirkus "Buxbaum's debut is hard to put down because of its smooth

and captivating text.  
The addition of virtual  
conversations through  
email and chatting adds  
to the exciting plot  
twist." -SLJ

Making Peace with your  
Adult Stepfamily  
Stepmonster

Two Bachelors Discover  
the Secrets of America's  
Greatest Marriages

A Novel

How and Where to Draw  
the Line - for a  
Happier, Healthier  
Stepfamily

Expert Advice from Other  
Stepmoms on How to

## Juggle Your Job, Your Marriage, and Your New Stepkids

A Career Girl's Guide to  
Becoming a Stepmom

Rose Feller is thirty years old, a high-powered attorney, with a secret passion for romance novels, an exercise regime she's going to start next week, and dreams of a man who will slide off her glasses, gaze into her eyes, and tell her that she's beautiful. Meet Rose's sister Maggie. Twenty-eight years old, drop-dead gorgeous and only occasionally employed, Maggie is a backing singer in a band called Whiskered Biscuit. She dreams of fame and fortune -- and of getting her dowdy big sister to stick to a

skin-care regime. These two women with nothing in common but a childhood tragedy, shared DNA, and the same size feet, are about to learn that their family is more different than they ever imagined, and that they're more alike than they'd ever believe. The brilliant new novel by Jennifer Weiner, *Who Do You Love*, will be released in August 2015.

In a society where 1 in 4 marriages now end in divorce, the traditional model of the nuclear family unit has radically changed. A startling 1 in 10 families in the UK (the statistics are double this in the US) grow up as part of a step family. Yet this phenomenon is still hopelessly uncharted territory, where the

image of the wicked step-mother still presides. Flora McEvedy could find nothing to help her when she became a step-mother at the age of 28 and the unique passion and energy of this book stems from her experiences. The Step-parents' Parachute will endow the reader with a body of instantly accumulated knowledge. Neatly organised, easy to use, practical and positive, this inspirational book will offer a path through a subject riven with negative assumptions and enable the transformation of the step-family into a happy, rewarding and stable family home. Spooky twists and soaring prose make this foodie update on Hansel and Gretel an unforgettable must-

read. Lorelei is bowled over by Splendid Academy—Principal Trapp encourages the students to run in the hallways, the classrooms are stocked with candy dishes, and the cafeteria serves lavish meals featuring all Lorelei's favorite foods. But the more time she spends at school, the more suspicious she becomes. Why are her classmates growing so chubby? And why do the teachers seem so sinister? It's up to Lorelei and her new friend Andrew to figure out what secret this supposedly splendid school is hiding. What they discover chills their bones—and might even pick them clean! Mix one part magic, one part mystery, and just a dash of Grimm, and you've got the recipe

for a cozy-creepy read that kids will gobble up like candy.

If you're one of the more than 15 million stepmothers in the country, you know the particular trials—and joys—of stepfamily dynamics today. You wonder if you're doing the right thing and, as a stepmother, many of your specific questions are unique. In this second edition of *Stepmotherhood: How to Survive Without Feeling Frustrated, Left Out, or Wicked*, journalist and stepmother Cherie Burns brings together countless insights and sound advice, based on the latest research and interviews with experts in the field (including dozens of other stepmoms), to answer questions such as: • How



do you manage discipline when parents and stepparents disagree?

- How can you help stepsiblings get along?
- How do you handle birthdays, holidays, and weddings?
- What's the best way to get along with your stepchild's mother? •

When should you seek a therapist's help? Burns's wise and empathetic suggestions go beyond struggle, stigma, and compromise, showing how sensitive, informed stepmothers can take charge—and pride—in their role, becoming more effective and fulfilled.

The Smart Stepmom  
How to Be a Stepmom without  
Losing Your Money, Your Mind,  
and Your Marriage  
Lives of the Monster Dogs

Say Goodbye to Crazy  
(Love in Emerald Creek)  
Creating and Sustaining a Strong  
Marriage in Today's Blended  
Family  
The Stepmom's Book of  
Boundaries

A lost shoe. An heir to a music kingdom.  
A chance for a fairy tale ending. 22-year-old New Yorker Gabriella Davis aspires to be pop music's next big thing. Desperate to protect her kid sister, she's got to succeed. But first, she needs to get away from her narcissistic stepmother who has her working her butt off as assistant to her band. Super-hot singer Cole Grant is a country boy at heart, so when he leaves his native Tennessee for New York, he's about as comfortable as a deer on ice. He's determined to make the most of this chance of a lifetime, but with the

explosive family secret Cole needs to keep, this is one opportunity that might just blow up in his face. A taxi, a lost shoe, and a chance meeting bring Gabby and Cole together. Their attraction is instant. But with so much at stake, neither one is in the market for love. When City meets Country and fame and fortune beckon, can they open their hearts to one another? Or will the secrets they hold keep them from finding their happily ever after?

Manhattan Cinderella is a sweet and sexy contemporary romance retelling of the Cinderella story for fans of Lauren Layne. This book is a little sexier than my other "chick lit" titles, such as the Cozy Cottage Café series, but with my same light-hearted, feel-good tone.

Ferris Bueller's Day Off meets Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist in this romp through the city that never sleeps from the New York Times bestselling author of

Since You've Been Gone. Two girls. One night. Zero phones. Kat and Stevie—best friends, theater kids, polar opposites—have snuck away from the suburbs to spend a night in New York City. They have it all planned out. They'll see a play, eat at the city's hottest restaurant, and have the best. Night. Ever. What could go wrong? Well. Kind of a lot? They're barely off the train before they're dealing with destroyed phones, family drama, and unexpected Pomeranians. Over the next few hours, they'll have to grapple with old flames, terrible theater, and unhelpful cab drivers. But there are also cute boys to kiss, parties to crash, dry cleaning to deliver (don't ask), and the world's best museum to explore. Over the course of a wild night, both Kat and Stevie will get a wake-up call about their friendship, their choices...and finally discover what they really want for their future. That is,

assuming they can make it to Grand Central before the clock strikes midnight. When a race of elegant, superintelligent dogs arrives in twenty-first-century New York, they become instant celebrities, but, unable to adjust to the modern world and confronted with an incurable disease, they construct a fantastic castle and barricade themselves inside.

You found the love of your life, and you vowed to have, to hold and to stepmother. You always thought that in time you'd grow to be the perfect, loving family. So why does it seem that the harder you try, the more unappreciated you feel? As a stepmother, therapist and founder of the popular Web site [stepsforstepmothers.com](http://stepsforstepmothers.com), Dr. Rachelle Katz knows all too well how challenging stepmotherhood can be. Based on thousands of in-depth interviews and the latest research, she's created a powerful

program to help you: \* Alleviate stress  
and take care of yourself \* Bond with your  
new family \* Set and enforce clear  
boundaries \* Get the respect you deserve \*  
Strengthen your relationship  
A New Look at why Real Stepmothers  
Think, Feel, and Act the Way We Do  
Monster High Diaries: Draculaura and the  
New Stepmomster  
In Her Shoes  
How to Survive Without Feeling  
Frustrated, Left Out, or Wicked, Revised  
Edition  
The 5 Love Languages and Becoming  
Stepfamily Smart  
The Sinister Sweetness of Splendid  
Academy  
How to be a Happy Stepmom  
Love may be sweeter the second time  
around, but once the bliss of a  
newfound relationship wears off a

little, the reality of being part of a stepfamily sets in. If you are one of the millions of remarried Americans facing the challenge of blending two existing families into one cohesive whole, you are part of a stepcouple—and you know all too well how hard it can be to make your marriage work in sometimes tough terrain. Different parenting styles, finances, relationships with ex-spouses, legal matters, and even seemingly simple issues such as the kinds of chores assigned to children can chisel away at your union if you don't always make your marriage a priority. Stepcoupling offers advice for stepcouples on how to do just that—all the while strengthening their

blended family with a healthy marriage. Susan Wisdom and Jennifer Green provide tips and strategies on dealing with the issues remarried couples face, with a wealth of advice from real-life stepcouples, such as: \*

- Learning to tailor your expectations of your spouse or children and remembering that no family is perfect
- \* Knowing where your boundaries are, whether involving a hostile ex-spouse or a stepchild who demands too much attention
- \* Realizing that traits like flexibility, tolerance, forgiveness, and openness are especially essential in a stepfamily situation
- \* Making “ us ” time for talking, problem-solving, weekends away, and enjoying your marriage to



constantly renew and strengthen your bond as a couple Let this invaluable remarriage manual help you make your stepcouple the foundation of a strong, happy, and successful stepfamily.

An honest and groundbreaking guide to understanding the complicated emotions that develop between stepmothers and children. When faced with often overwhelming challenges, what woman with stepchildren is unfamiliar with that “stepmonster” feeling? Half of all women in the United States will live with or marry a man with children. To guide women new to this role—and empower those who are struggling with it—Wednesday Martin draws

upon her own experience as a stepmother. She's frank about the harrowing process of becoming a stepmother, she considers the myths and realities of being married to a man with children, and she counteracts the cultural notion that stepmothers are solely responsible for the problems that often develop. Along the way, she interviews other stepmothers and stepchildren and offers up fascinating insights from literature, anthropology, psychology, and evolutionary biology that explain the little-understood realities of this unique parent-child relationship and—in an unexpected twist—shows why the myth of the Wicked Stepmother is the single best tool for understanding who real

stepmothers are and how they feel. What's missing in your stepfamily? If you're in a stepfamily, you may feel as if something is missing. You can't put it into words yet, but you know it's a problem. Maybe you're new to this. Maybe not. Still, everything from badly-behaved exes to parenting rifts causes squabbling that disrupts the harmony in your home. The Stepmom's Book of Boundaries helps you thrive despite rocky relationships, schedule snafus, and more. Stepmom Magazine Contributor and Master Certified Stepfamily Coach Claudette Chenevert provides clear explanations, humorous insights and exercises to help you pave a path to healthier boundaries and more

enforceable House Rules-for your own version of the white-picket-fence dream.

Annarino explores the increasingly common yet rarely examined connections between stepmothers and stepdaughters, offering candid real-life stories of these relationships.

Christmas on Reindeer Road

Secrets of Successful Blended Families

Blissfully Blended Bullshit

Untrue

Stepmotherhood

The Stepmonster

Seven Steps to a Healthy Family

The stepmother's role often is ambiguous and underappreciated, and frequently it carries unrealistic expectations. The book answers

women's concerns and questions, including: How can I be a caretaker and a key emotional connector in the family if the children don't accept my influence? How should I cope with children who are confused about their family and torn between loyalty to their biological mother and me? When should I step back in conflicts and when should I insist that my husband stand up for me? In addition it addresses the spiritual and emotional climate of the home, providing perspective and guidelines to help stepmothers and their families thrive.

DRE never returned to Emerald Creek after the man she thought she'd marry broke her heart. But a late night

phone call from half way around the world brings her right back to her hometown. And face to face with the man she never thought she'd seen again. Summer in Emerald Creek was everything she remembered--endless festivals, picnics in the park and time with her best friend and her favorite little tykes--and Dre is finding it hard to resist the pull of the chemistry she and Erick still have. ERICK made the biggest mistake of his life all those years ago but the result, his adorable little girl, was the best thing that ever happened to him. He'd done the right thing, or at least he'd tried to but his marriage hadn't worked despite all that it had cost him. But now that Dre was back in Emerald Creek the

universe had given him a second chance this summer, to put back together what he'd broken. To reclaim the only woman he ever truly loved. Can one summer recall a lifetime of memories and rekindle a love that never really went away?

**NATIONAL BESTSELLER** • Soon to be a Hulu Original series • The internationally acclaimed author of *Wild* collects the best of *The Rumpus's* Dear Sugar advice columns plus never-before-published pieces. Rich with humor and insight—and absolute honesty—this "wise and compassionate" (*New York Times Book Review*) book is a balm for everything life throws our way. Life can be hard: your lover cheats on you;

you lose a family member; you can't pay the bills—and it can be great: you've had the hottest sex of your life; you get that plum job; you muster the courage to write your novel.

Sugar—the once-anonymous online columnist at *The Rumpus*, now revealed as Cheryl Strayed, author of the bestselling memoir *Wild*—is the person thousands turn to for advice.

### Create a Loving and Safe

### Environment for Your Blended

Family Blended families face unique challenges, and sadly, good intentions aren't always enough. With so many complex relationships involved, all the normal rules for family life change, even how you apply something as simple as the five love languages.



That ' s why Gary Chapman, the bestselling author of *The 5 Love Languages*® and national expert on stepfamilies, Ron Deal, join together in this book to teach you how the five love languages can help your blended family. They ' ll teach you: About the unique dynamics of stepfamilies How to overcome fear and trust issues in marriage How to develop healthy parenting and step-parenting practices How the love languages should—and should not—be applied You ' re going to face many challenges, but with the right strategies and smart work, your family can be stronger and healthier together.

The Happy Stepmother

The Uncomfortable Truth of

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Blending Families  
Relationships of Chance, Friendships  
for a Lifetime  
Tell Me Three Things  
Primates of Park Avenue  
The Skinny Confidential's Get the  
F\*ck Out of the Sun  
Take Me Home Tonight

Analyzes the perspectives of stepmothers to offer insight into the dynamics that typically mark relationships between stepmoms and their step-children, in a report that draws on examples in literature, psychology, and anthropology while outlining five step-parenting dilemmas that create conflict. Fans of RaeAnne Thayne and Debbie Macomber will love this USA Today bestselling author's latest holiday romance about two single parents whose holiday wishes come true in the small town of

Highland Falls. Can the magic of mistletoe bring together two busy single parents? Mallory Maitland knows all too well what it's like to feel abandoned, which is why she's sworn never to give up on her two stepsons -- her late husband's children. But when the teens land in hot water, she's got a whole new problem: how to resist the caring and incredibly hot Chief of Police Gabriel Buchanan. All Mallory wants is to give the boys a magical holiday. She doesn't need the distraction of wondering what it would be like to kiss Gabriel under the mistletoe. After his wife died, Gabriel left his job as an adrenaline-chasing New York City homicide detective to focus on raising his three sons. But back in Highland Falls, he doesn't have to go looking for trouble. It finds him -- in the form of a beautiful neighbor and her troublemaking stepchildren. With Gabriel's mother-in-law looking for any excuse to gain custody of his

sons, Gabriel can't risk getting involved with Mallory, even though she's the only woman capable of making this Christmas -- and all the rest to come -- his best ever.

Learn to love your parent ' s new spouse—and family Dealing with stepparents isn ' t just a kid ' s problem anymore. With more and more older parents remarrying, you could be one of the many adults having to deal with the issues that arise from these later-in-life unions. Luckily, Terri P. Smith is here to help you out with what to do after your parent walks down the aisle, again. Smith deals with conflicts such as: Sharing time between stepfamilies Managing family rituals Figuring out what to do with prized possessions Handling wills, inheritances, and trust funds Living arrangements Caregiving and illness Building relationships with grandchildren—his and hers Maneuvering holidays and vacations These practical

solutions and emotionally satisfying answers will relieve the strain of your parent ' s remarrying, and allow you to enjoy your new extended family.

A funny, poignant family story by bestselling author Joanna Nadin, perfect for children learning to read. Tom knows all about stepmothers from the books he's read. They do all sorts of horrible things. In fact, they aren't really stepmothers at all. They are StepMONSTERS! So when his dad's new friend Lulu comes to tea, Tom is convinced she will turn out to be a stepmonster. She might not look like a stepmonster. (Her hair looks like it's been spun from gold.) And she might not act like a stepmonster. (She likes all of the same things that Tom does - manatees and moles and woodlice and playing Snap for hours.) But maybe that's just a clever disguise... The Reading Ladder series helps children to enjoy learning to read. It features well-loved authors, classic

characters and favourite topics, so that children will find something to excite and engage them in every title they pick up. It's the first step towards a lasting love of reading. Level 3 Reading Ladder titles are perfect for fluent readers who are beginning to read exciting, challenging stories independently. - Varied sentences - Detailed illustrations to enjoy - Chapters - Interesting characters and themes - A rich range of vocabulary - More complex storylines to stretch confident readers All Reading Ladder titles are developed with a leading literacy consultant, making them perfect for use in schools and for parents keen to support their children's reading. Book band: Gold.

A Ten-Step Plan for the Mother and Stepmother Relationship

Why Nearly Everything We Believe About Women, Lust, and Infidelity Is Wrong and How the New Science Can Set Us Free

Stepcoupling

## Becoming A Stepmother With Humor And Grace

### Mini-Wife Syndrome - a Divorced Dad's Guide

Advice on Love and Life from Dear Sugar  
Building Love Together in Blended Families

A funny, honest, and empathetic resource for the novice stepmother on maintaining sanity, solving hair-raising identity issues, regaining a sense of humor, and surviving what you did for love.... What happens when the honeymoon comes to a screeching halt and you're faced with a houseful of rambunctious children, an ever-present ex-wife, and a new husband trying to balance the chaos? This helpful guide includes advice on:

- The kids: Adjusting to suspicion,

resentment, and biological-parent loyalties • The ex-wife: Living calmly alongside her, whether she's a psycho or the perfect mother • The holidays: Accommodating old family traditions and developing new ones • The sex: Keeping love alive through the kids' bed-wettings and nightmares • The finances: Building safety nets and avoiding financial disasters • The urge to be evil: Accepting it, and then stopping yourself from saying something you'll regret—to him, the kids, or her • Plus an invaluable list of resources, websites, publications, and organizations specifically for the new stepmother

Stepfamilies are currently the fastest



growing family type in the UK, with current estimates suggesting that 1 in 10 of all families are now stepfamilies. Yet despite the ever-growing number of stepfamilies, there remains a dearth of information and support for them. How to be a Happy Stepmum provides the first step in this support by guiding stepmothers through the pitfalls of adapting to stepfamily life; firstly by identifying what type of stepmother they are and then by addressing each of the recognised factors related to becoming a successful and happy stepmother. Based on sound research and written by an expert in the field, this book is essential reading for all stepmums.

The in-your-face go-to skincare guide

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from mega-influencer Lauryn Evarts Bosstick, founder of The Skinny Confidential brand *The Skinny Confidential* 's *Get the F\*ck Out of the Sun* is the practical, yet incredibly fun and accessible, preventative skincare bible by lifestyle guru Lauryn Evarts Bosstick. We all have our ever-growing list of skincare questions: What products are essential for a nightly routine? Will a jade roller actually take care of hungover, puffy eyes? Why is sunscreen so important, and does it really need to be applied every day? What oils and serums are best for glowy, dewy supermodel skin? Lauryn dives into all this and more with a voice reminiscent of a friend at a boozy mimosa brunch who

has a little more experience (and a lot more research) under her belt. From product and beauty tool recommendations to Lauryn 's personal experience with facial massage, fillers, Botox, lymphatic drainage, and cryotherapy, this authoritative and cheeky book is essential for a DIY generation that 's all about shaking up old ideas about skin care and transforming the beauty industry. Lauryn interviews other top influencers such as Kristin Cavallari, Patrick Starr, the Summer Fridays ' cofounders, Shea Marie, Chriselle Lim, Jillian Michaels, Stassi Schroeder, Aimee Song, the Ladygang, Mandy Madden Kelley, Amelia Gray, Delilah Belle, Bobbi

Brown, and Justin Anderson and skin-care doctors and mavens including Dr. Dennis Gross, Dr. Jason Diamond, Sonya Dakar, Georgia Louise, and Dr. Barbara Sturm to get real-deal insider tips and tricks, making this book the go-to resource for preventative skincare with the signature pink Skinny Confidential spin.

One of three Americans is today a stepparent, a stepchild, or a stepsibling. That means there are lots of stepmothers and ex-wives out there wrestling with resentment, jealousy, anxiety, anger, and despair over their relationship with the “ other woman ” in their life. That's where stepmother/ex-wife team

extraordinaire Jennifer Newcomb Marine and Carol Marine step in. No One's the Bitch is their straight-talking, handholding walk through what is typically a very lonely minefield. Whether women just want to create a neutral, “ business ” partnership or actually, gulp, to become friends, this book shows them how to reach their goal through ten powerful steps, with chapter titles such as “ Own Your Own Crap, ” “ Collaborate, ” and “ Communicate. ” The authors also recount their own journey, providing ample hope and reassurance to all women struggling to keep a blended family together.

A Memoir

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When Your Parent Remarries Late in  
Life

Best of My Love

A New Look at Why Real

Stepmothers Think, Feel, and Act the  
Way We Do

But I'm NOT a Wicked Stepmother!

KIRKUS REVIEWS called this

winning tale of a queen-sized queen

bee "Hilarious and fresh." Manhattan

It Girl Riley Swain is no pudgy

wallflower. She's brash, bold,

fashionable, and yes, fabulous. Riley

has no qualms about kissing her best

friend's crush, or bribing her dad's

lawyer. But this spring break, Riley's

dad and wicked stepmother are shipping her off to New Horizons, a two-week fat camp in upstate New York. And it's miserable: like military school without carbs. But then Riley gets to know adorable Eric, who sees beyond Riley's tough exterior. Soon, Riley might just realize that maybe it's not her shape that will change at New Horizons. . . but her heart.

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Primates of Park Avenue*, a bold, timely reconsideration of female infidelity that will upend everything you thought you knew about women and sex. What do straight, married female revelers at an all-women's sex club in LA have in common with nomadic

pastoralists in Namibia who bear children by men not their husbands? Like women worldwide, they crave sexual variety, novelty, and excitement. In ancient Greek tragedies, Netflix series, tabloids and pop songs, we've long portrayed such cheating women as dangerous and damaged. We love to hate women who are untrue. But who are they really? And why, in this age of female empowerment, do we continue to judge them so harshly? In *Untrue*, feminist author and cultural critic Wednesday Martin takes us on a bold, fascinating journey to reveal the unexpected evolutionary legacy and social realities that drive female faithlessness, while laying bare our



motivations to contain women who step out. Blending accessible social science and interviews with sex researchers, anthropologists, and real women from all walks of life, Untrue challenges our deepest assumptions about ourselves, monogamy, and the women we think we know. From recent data suggesting women may struggle more than men with sexual exclusivity to the revolutionary idea that females of many species evolved to be "promiscuous" to Martin's trenchant assertion that female sexual autonomy is the ultimate metric of gender equality, Untrue will change the way you think about women and sex forever.

Discover the Keys to a Healthy

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Stepfamily Leading stepfamily expert Ron L. Deal reveals the seven fundamental steps to blended family success and provides practical, realistic solutions to the issues you face as a stepfamily. Whether married or soon-to-be-married, you'll discover how to

- Solve the everyday puzzles of stepparenting and stepchildren relationships
- Communicate effectively with an ex-spouse
- Handle stepfamily finances confidently
- "Cook" your stepfamily slowly rather than expect an instant blend

This revised and expanded edition has updated research and two new chapters with even more real-world advice on topics such as stepsibling relationships

and later-life stepfamilies. You have an exciting, fulfilling job. You've fallen in love with the man of your dreams—and met his three kids! Now what? Jacquelyn B. Fletcher shows how any professional woman turned wife and instant stepmother can build on the skills she employs at work—organization, team-building, goal-setting, and planning—to succeed at home in her new role as stepmom. Drawing on the latest research, her own experiences, and those of other real-life stepmothers, Fletcher offers advice, hope, encouragement, and much-needed answers to common conundrums, including: Why don't I have control over my own schedule? What kind of

relationship do I want with my stepkids? What if I want to have a baby of my own? How do we create a budget that feels fair if I make more money than my husband does? A Career Girl's Guide to Becoming a Stepmom is essential reading for the professional woman who has it all—and then suddenly has more than she expected.

Tiny Beautiful Things

The Step-Parents' Parachute

No One's the Bitch

Stepmothers and Stepdaughters

The Summer of Summer

This Book Isn't Fat, It's Fabulous

Routines, Products, Tips, and Insider Secrets from 100+ of the World's Best Skincare Gurus

A heartwarming and revealing look at the wisdom drawn from successful marriages and the secrets to making love last, not from Ph.D.s or therapists but from more than 200 real couples who have walked the walk to more than forty years of marriage. Jaded by his parents' divorce, Mathew Boggs was a young man who'd lost all belief in lifelong love. After observing his grandparents who were madly in love after sixty-three years of marriage, Mat talked his best friend Jason into joining him on a cross-country search for America's greatest marriages. The two bumbling bachelors jumped in an RV and embarked on "Project Everlasting," a 12,000-mile cross-country adventure to discover what it takes to make love last. Each chapter of Project Everlasting is dedicated to one of the pressing questions the bachelors asked the couples, such as: —"How do you know you've found The One?" —"What's missing from today's marriages?" —"How

do you keep the romance alive?" —"What's the most important ingredient for a solid marriage?" As she traveled the country, meeting happy couples from all walks of life, Mat and Jason began to understand why their own relationships hadn't worked out quite as planned. They also realized that what they were learning from their wise new friends could change everything for them and—through Project Everlasting—show their generation and generations to come how to build a marriage to last.

The tips, tricks and support you need to survive stepmotherhood You've met the partner of your dreams and have gotten your happily ever after, but now you've taken on a new role: stepmom. And you have no idea what you signed up for. Or maybe you've been a stepmom for a while now, but things are getting you down. Who do you turn to for help? Where is the stepmothering support group that'll give

you the advice you need? Who actually gets how hard being a stepmom can be? We do. We are the women who have chosen stepmotherhood and lived to tell the tale. This guide holds our solutions to help you: Brave the crazy ex demands Overcome the financial hurdles of a blended family Be prepared for the legal battles and custody arrangements Handle disrespectful children Nourish your relationship Manuever the emotional breakdowns of stepmotherhood Build your own stepmom's club Understand why you need your partner to have your back Written by stepmoms for stepmoms, these tips, anecdotes, and words of advice will help you find success and support within your new family. We are the Stepmoms' Club — your club — and we're here to help you. Half of all women in the United States will live with or marry a man with children. And what woman with stepchildren has not -- in

order to defuse the often overwhelming challenges and anxieties she experiences -- referred to herself as a "stepmonster"? This book illuminates the harrowing process of becoming a stepmother, exposes the myths and realities of being married to a man with children, counteracts the prevailing notion that stepmothers are solely responsible for the problems they encounter, identifies the five "step-dilemmas" that create conflict, and considers the emotional and social challenges men with children face when they remarry. The author also sheds light on the history of stepmothering and the previously overlooked legacy of women with stepchildren everywhere. The author also shows why the myth of the Wicked Stepmother is at once an elaborate cultural fiction and our single best tool for understanding who real stepmothers are and how they feel.

Summer is depressed about having to spend



part of her vacation with her parents at a resort, but then she meets a good-looking guy who challenges her to explore something new.