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must for the libraries of moms (and dads) of all ages. Ann's book is chock full of the things I love about being a mom. There is sidesplitting humor, some tears, lots of wisdom and faith all packed into one awesome read. I will gladly be giving copies as gifts to moms for years to come. Ann, you wrote a keeper and a real gem in Mommy Memoirs. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Absolutely loved it!! By Kari Peterson I laughed, cried, and appreciated every page! This is a wonderful book for anyone who has kids, plans on having kids, or simply plans to appreciate other people's kids!! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Warm, lively essays about life with kids By Sarah Hamaker, author of Ending Sibling Rivalry: Moving Your Kids From War to Peace In Mommy Memoirs, Ann Van De Water lets her hair down in brief, pithy essays ranging from "My OB-GYN Goes to My Church" to "I'm Cold so Put on a Coat." Throughout the book, while relating her mistakes and successes, she gives women hope that doing our best as mothers is what really counts. She confesses that she "wanted to be the perfect mom. I wanted to get it all right, have my act all together, raise my sons with never a worry, know I made the right decisions at the crucial moments, feel as though I disciplined correctly at every turn." But that hope and dream didn't come to fruition—and it never will for any of us!—but that didn't mean she failed her three boys as a mother. Through these little glimpses into her life, Ann shares from her heart that it's okay not to be perfect; that strange, wonderful, weird things will happen to you as a parent; and that showing our children we love them no matter what is the best blessing we can give them. Written in a breezy style that reads like Ann is telling you these stories over a cup of coffee, this book is sure to put a smile on any mother's face. I received a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

This humorous collection of 83 anecdotes about motherhood is available as an eBook and paperback and will be coming out as an audio book around Mother's Day 2014! It is a total of 213 pages and includes photographs of the author's family so you come away feeling like you know her personally and can totally relate to her experiences and her life. There is very little that Ann doesn't share about her experiences as a mom~ from the moment she recognized her OB-Gyn in her church hallway and being told soon after that she was expecting her first child (after waiting and trying to conceive for 4-1/2 years)...to the hilarious account of her hysterectomy. Ann tells it all...but don't worry~ even though she got permission from all three of her sons to tell their stories, she has saved up enough for everyone's inevitable therapy down the road! Enjoy her short, 2-3 page snippets that can be picked up and put down quickly, in fact you can put it down at all! She has been compared to Erma Bombeck in her humorous writing style and her short memoir style makes it easy for busy moms of all ages to relate and relish her mommy moments. No matter what stage of motherhood you are experiencing, there is something in this book for you!

See the 20+ s posted here on ""Reading Ann's book was like dipping my cup into a well of stories filled with the authentic trials and triumphs of motherhood. Thank you, Ann, for allowing the reader to peek beyond the veil of your experience so we can better appreciate our own. What an encouragement!"" -Jill Kelly, Mom, Speaker, Author of Without a Word ""Ann Van De Water is an exceptional woman of God. Her outgoing and bubbly personality is infectious. She has a unique ability to relate to women of all ages. Her book is full of real-life anecdotes that will have you laughing one minute and tearing up the next. Ann knows what it is like to be a "real" mom and her audience will be blessed by her honesty and wisdom."" -Michelle Borrello, Current Director of Preschool, Wesleyan Church of Hamburg ""There is nobody quite like Ann Van De Water. Her wonderful blend of humor, common sense and spiritual insight have made her beloved by many. No woman has loved her husband or children better. Her priorities of God, family and others have yielded beautiful fruit--in her own family and in many other couples and families. In these vignettes of her mothering experiences, she relates real life "in the trenches," and she faces it all with teachability, tenderness, practicality and joy. She's the real deal---with wisdom to share."" -Sue McClain, Former Teacher/Pastor's Wife ""What a refreshing view of motherhood! From the early season of diapers and drooling to the process of sending her young men off to their own adventures with a purpose and prayer, Ann Van De Water has captured the essence of motherhood. Enjoy walking through her world with stories that illustrate that armed with a sense of humor and the wisdom of scripture, motherhood is a true joy for those who are brave enough to embark on the journey. Ann's humor is reminiscent of Erma Bombeck and her attitude demonstrates that Christ is the solid rock on which she stands."" -Krista Schwartzott, MOPS Coordinator ""Ann's book is a "LOL" book! The sincerity about her hectic life as a mother of three boys shows us that it is okay to laugh at ourselves, admit to our imperfections and learn from them...all with God's help. Ann is a role model for other mothers to look up to because she allows Jesus' light to shine through her."" -Karen H., MOPS Coordinator