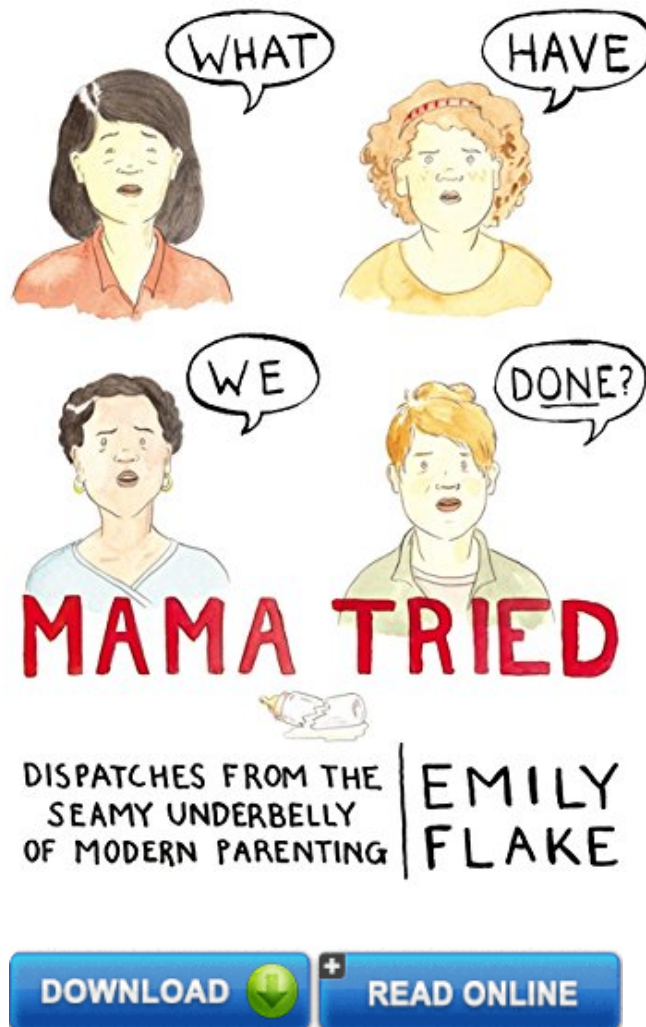


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Emily Flake : Mama Tried: Dispatches from the Seamy Underbelly of Modern Parenting before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mama Tried: Dispatches from the Seamy Underbelly of Modern Parenting:

14 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Great Gift for any Hip Breeder Type (Ironically Hip, of course)By S. HatfieldI have all of Ms. Flake's books. I think of them as the Gen X/Millennial equivalent to my grandpa's weird bathroom humor cartoon books that I used to read for hours while he peed himself in the hall. Those had lots of busty den mothers and torch singers in low cut dresses hanging out with married businessmen. Mama Tried, on the other hand, is hilarious, masterfully drawn and suprisingly personal and revealing. Her comics have always been personal, but this format is new and really well executed. She reveals all that is horrible and beautiful about being a breeder in the 21st century. I can relate, being on the cusp of potty training as I type. Then you get to the last chapter and become

confused and frightened, because you are crying into your half caf latte and feeling a little bit better about the things in life that make you so scared for your children every day. The end.5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. I laughed! I cried!By MKThis is a tremendous illustrated guide taking you from conception to Baby's first few years with a dark, sardonic, rollicking sense of humor in both the writing and illustrations. This is less for the "blooming pastel unicorn" pregnant lady/self-appointed goddess, and more for the expecting or new mom who is a bit twisted and enjoys a good cackle. Or any veteran parent with a knowing glint in their eyes and whiskey in their hand. I love everything about Emily Flake's writing style and illustrations, and this book, despite being billed as mostly humor, manages to touch some really authentic and vulnerable parts of the human experience. Overall, top notch!1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. My God, this book is funnyBy Thomas J. BreenThe term "laugh out loud" is woefully overused in our fallen world, but fortunately, here is a book that actually delivers on that promise. You may know Emily Flake from her "Lulu Eightball" strip, her cartoons for the New Yorker, her memoir about giving up smokes, or some other way; if so, you know that she's one of the sharpest, funniest observers of contemporary American life, combining pungent observations, self-deprecating putdowns, and beautifully rendered drawings of everything from smug yoga parents to devil babies with genuine, non-cloying heart.This book further establishes her as one of our great natural resources, like rare earth minerals but much funnier. People fearing a cutesy "aren't kids great" narrative need not worry; nor should anyone who thinks this is an unnecessarily cynical, "kids are awful haha joking but kind of serious" gag book. This is an informative, honest, genuinely insightful book about modern parenting, from sex to toddler Halloween costumes (illustrated suggestions include Baby FDR and The Littlest C.H.U.D.), all liberally salted with the kind of language characterized as either "earthy" or "obscene," depending on who you're talking about.It's the kind of book where, when prompted me to say whether there's violence, I had to think about it. Because - kind of? There's an enraged open letter to children's teeth, and praise for children who defend their snacks at daycare with knives. It's that kind of book. It's great. You don't even need children to appreciate the humor, the (hard-earned) warmth, and the beautiful illustrations. This is a book that, I promise, will make you laugh out loud.

New Yorker cartoonist Emily Flake relates the hilarious horrors of pregnancy, birth, and early parenting in this funny, poignant, and beautifully illustrated book. For most people, having a child doesn't go exactly as planned. Not many are willing to admit that not only did they dislike the early days of parenting, they sometimes hated it. MAMA TRIED is a relatable collection of cartoons and essays pertaining to the good, bad, and (very) ugly parenting experiences we all face. Subjects range from "are you ready for children?" to "baby gear class-warfare." With incredible honesty, Flake tackles everything from morning sickness to sleep training, shedding much needed light on the gnarly realities of breastfeeding, child proofing, mommy groups, and every unrealistic expectation in between. MAMA TRIED will be an indispensable companion for sleepless parents and a fond reminder for those already out of the woods.

"Emily Flake's book about pregnancy, birth and babies is completely hilarious. I've always loved her cartoons, but this book is even better. She writes and draws about a subject she knows quite well-the whole baby thing. It's all here: the frustrations as well as the deep love, and the bewilderment of dealing with things you never had to deal with before. A great book for anyone who has ever had a kid, or who's about to have one. She's the real thing."-Roz Chast"What a wonderful book. Emily Flake is consistently inventive and hilarious."-Andy BorowitzAbout the AuthorEmily Flake regularly cartoons for The New Yorker, and writes and draws a weekly strip called Lulu Eightball (Atomic Books), which has been assembled into two collections. In 2007, she wrote and illustrated These Things Ain't Gonna Smoke Themselves (Bloomsbury USA). Her illustrations and cartoons appear in publications all over the world, including the New York Times, Newsweek, the Globe and Mail, The Onion, The New Statesman, and Forbes.