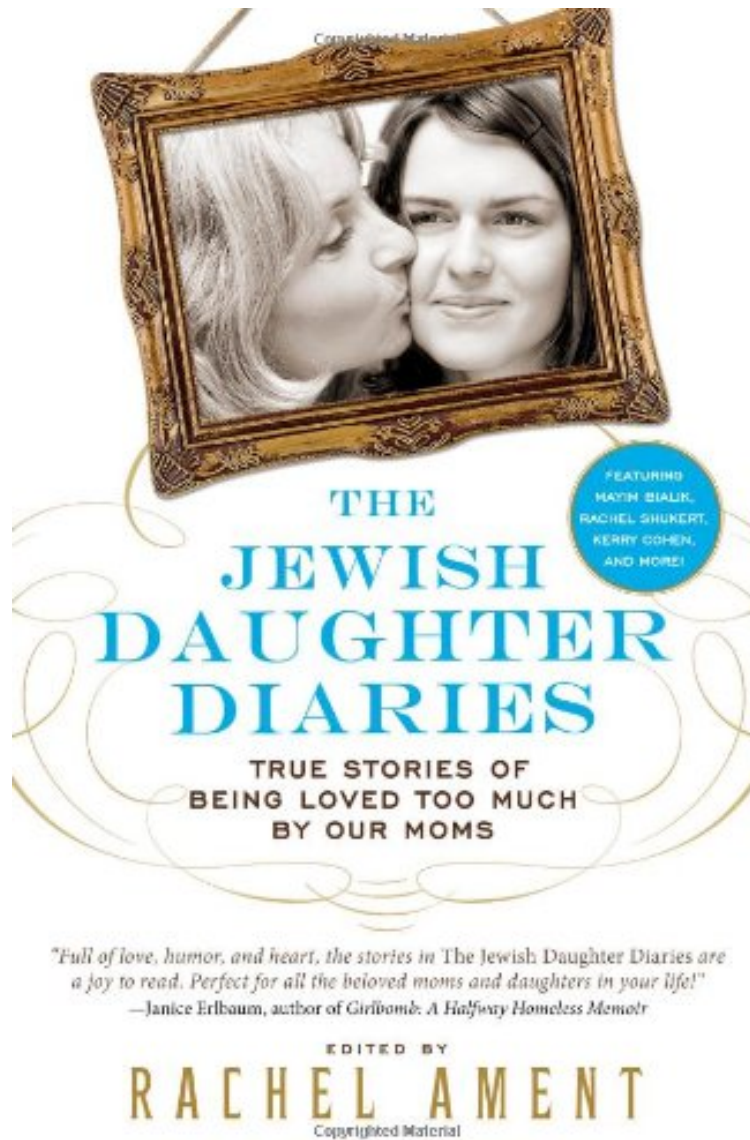


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CustomerReading this gives you the impression you're hanging out with the intelligent and extremely witty Jewish Girls you wish you had dated when you were younger. The laughs come honestly and frequently. Women who live in a house of mirrors don't throw stones; they throw punch lines. These sparkling reflections of the mother-daughter facets of our Jewish culture prove to be one gem after another.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Funny, Incisive, lots of truthBy Allan AmentAnyone with a Jewish mother, and anyone else with a mother, will connect with one of the stories Rachel Ament has compiled in this anthology. While the stories in her book specifically concern the relationship between daughters Jewish mothers, there is an underlying universality applicable to all mothers and their children, regardless of age. Somewhere in these pages, you will find your story, regardless of who you are, who your mother is, and what your background may be.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Buy this for your Jewish motherBy Jeff RothThen she can't say you arrived empty-handed or that you never think of her. The trick is to stay one step ahead of the guilt.

Moms who impersonate their daughters on JDate. Moms who try to set their daughters up with celebrities. Moms who can't stop taking selfies with their dogs. Moms who make their daughters' beds while their daughters are still sleeping in the other half. This collection of 28 essays is a heartfelt, hilarious tribute to mom and daughterhood, exploring the often complex, colorful and (at times) claustrophobic relationship. The Jewish Daughter Diaries features stories from some of the most compelling Jewish female voices today, who sound off on what it is like to be loved and adored by a modern-day Jewish mom. Mayim Bialik: "My mother met my bewilderment with a sympathetic glance and a modest recounting of my assets as she saw them.... if Barbra Streisand could be so famous and amazing and wonderful with her nose, why should mine be any problem?" Iliza Shlesinger: "I knew my mom was special because once I asked her, "If a witch turned me into a bug, what would you do? Without missing a beat, she said, "I'd put you in my pocket to keep you with me always." Also featuring: Lauren Greenberg, Sari Botton, Abby Sher, Kerry Cohen, Meredith Hoffa, Anna Breslaw, Chaya Kurtz, Iris Bahr, Jena Friedman, Rachel Shukert, Leonara Ariella Nonni Epstein, Jenny Jaffe, Lauren Yapalater, Rebecca Drysdale, Emmy Blotnik, Arianna Stern, Almie Rose, Nadine Friedman, Deb Margolin, Gaby Dunn, Wendy Liebman, Mireille Silcoff, Dylan Joffe, and Mara Altman. The stories in this collection will make you laugh, cry, panic-and finally, pick up the phone. For anyone who has ever been overloved, overprotected or overmothered, this collection will feel like home.

"Full of love, humor, and heart, the stories in The Jewish Daughter Diaries are a joy to read. Perfect for all the beloved moms and daughters in your life!" - Janice Erlbaum, author of *Girlbomb: A Halfway Homeless Memoir*"The Jewish Daughter Diaries is one of those rare comic treats: charming, hilarious and scarily relatable. I haven't had this much fun reading in years." - Jordan Michael Smith, New York Times contributor"Ament's anthology reads much like a witty and personal blog from a friend, stories that will make readers think to themselves, "I don't remember being interviewed for this book." Ingeniously portrayed, The Jewish Daughter Diaries explores the difficulty of casting a single defining mold for the Jewish mother" - Washington Jewish Week"The book was a delightful read and I would recommend it to anyone, Jewish or not, who has ever looked at her relationship with her mother and thought: "There's no way we're the only ones out there like this..." - The Huffington Post"Each mother written about obviously bursts with love for her daughter or granddaughter. When a book is full so much love, a reader can't help but feel it too." - New Voices: News and Views of Campus JewsAbout the AuthorRachel Ament is the Director of Public Relations for the Boston-based record label Mountain of Leopards. A freelance writer and editor, Rachel is regular contributor to the blog, Hello Giggles and has been featured in Oxygen, The Jerusalem Post, AOL, Thought Catalog, Jewcy, The Jewish Journal, Moment, and more.Excerpt. © Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved.As I approach my 30's, I've finally begun to accept that no one loves me as much as my mom. And that no one else's love can exert such a hold over me. My mom might overwhelm, overstep, and overbear, but she still bears the torch. She still has the power to guide the course of my life, to give it an added spark of meaning. My mom has a way of making me feel like even the most insignificant moment matters: a bad date, a butchered haircut, a fight with a friend. No situation is too inconsequential. If it happened to me, then it matters to her. Sure, my mom's overconcern might at times make her seem nuts. Extreme love and dedication often blur reason and perception. Every time I miss her call or text, she imagines me hospitalized or imprisoned. Every time I complain about a headache or stomach pain she will want to know who the hell has knocked me up. My mom only knows how to tread in the waters of the extremes. But inside those waters of extremes is insuppressible love. What makes a Jewish mom stand out is not the degree of her love but how her love materializes. Love suffuses a Jewish mom's every thought, her every behavior. She cannot rein any of it in. And when so much love blares so forcefully out into the world, the sentiment can't help but be returned. America loves Jewish moms because they show us their entire selves. Honesty is infectious. Honesty combined with pluck and gumption is intoxicating. I wanted to capture this exposed feeling, this raw love. I grew up around a parade of Jewish moms. Now, in my late twenties, living in a big lonely city, I find myself searching for a new squadron of Jewish moms to love. I miss the energy, the warmth, the rawness of Jewish moms. But what I perhaps miss most is the humor. Jewish moms are hilarious. They are classic, old-school camp: bold, unpredictable, and over the top. When I tell my

friends funny stories about my childhood or about my twenties, the stories almost always circle back to my mom. She is the heart of every tale. She is where the plot rises, where the dialogue stuns. A few years ago, I started noticing a similar trend in the stories told by many of my Jewish friends. In almost all the stories, the moms were driving the story line; the moms were peddling the jokes. I wanted to find a way to gather these funny stories of Jewish moms (and grandmas) into a single collection. So I started emailing some of my favorite Jewish writers and entertainers, asking them to send me their stories. The response was astounding. All the writers were thrilled to tell the story of their crazy Jewish mom. And many of them insisted that their mom had to be the absolute craziest. Of course I realize the thematic challenges in putting together this collection. I realize that a Jewish mom is not a one-size-fits-all archetype. That there are variants of the archetype, many of which appear in this book. There are Jewish moms who are farmers; Jewish moms who are hippies; Jewish moms who are drunks. I wanted to share all these stories. But I also want to tell the story that connects them. Within all these tales, there tends to be a unifying force. And that, of course, is the way the Jewish mom loves. This book is by no means representative of the entire Jewish mother experience. I simply set out to share stories that will move you, that will make you laugh. My life has been charmed with stories on top of stories of Jewish moms. My hope is that now everyone else's can be, too.