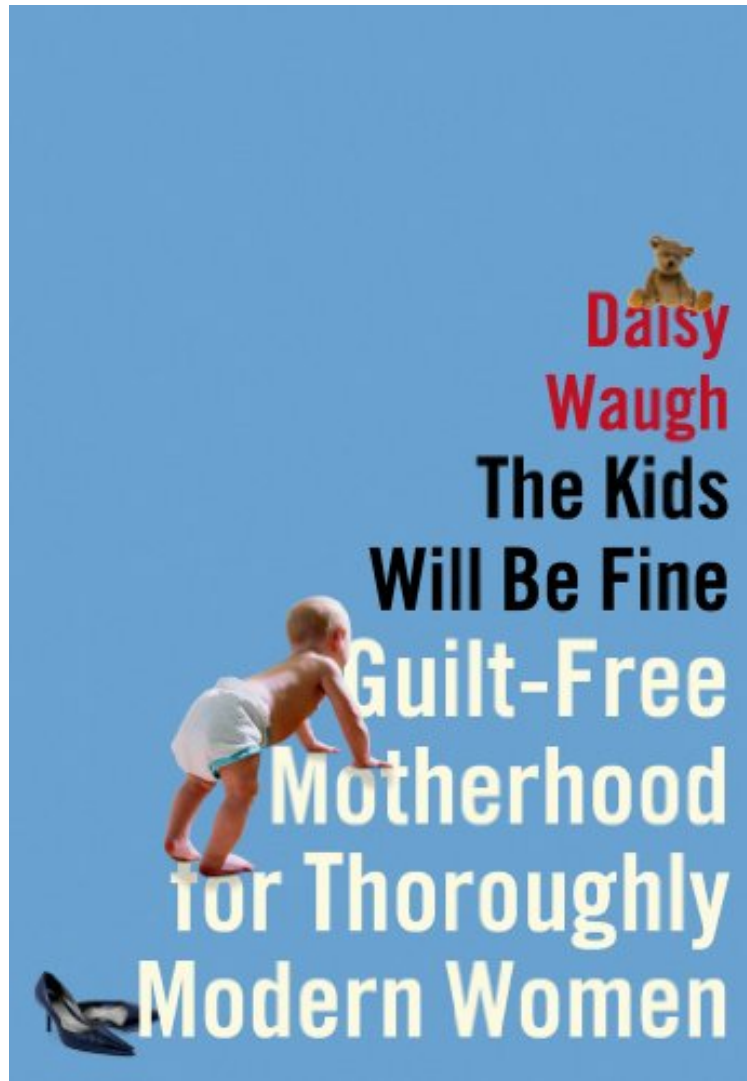


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better for being such a lazy mom. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. *The Kids Will Be Fine: Guilt-Free Motherhood for Thoroughly Modern Women* By Jane Jones First I want to thank Daisy Waugh for a delightful book to read and for Goodreads First Read Giveaway program for making it possible for me to win *The Kids Will Be Fine ~ Guilt Free Motherhood for Thoroughly Modern Women*. *The Kids Will Be Fine ~ Guilt-Free Motherhood for Thoroughly Modern Women* is a fun look at being a mother that covers many subjects in five areas. Part One is Pregnancy and Birth with a witty look at parenting classes for expectant mothers and fathers and Daisy Waugh is right who wants to go see a movie of the private event of the birth of a baby in a room full of other stranger men and women with the knowledge that soon you are going to have to face that messy and painful event of birth yourself? The second part is Baby Care and I particularly liked the section on the use of disposable diapers vs. using cloth and saving the planet. If you are a die in the wool ecologist, skip this section, you won't get her humor. For the rest of us she gives a unique view that made me smile. The third section is called Child Care talks about the guilt of leaving your child to go back to work, trying to stay at home to be a full time mother to daddy-daughter relations where your loving husband declares his daughter is never... Well where does the fool think his daughter came from anyway? Section four is School starting with preschool, parent-teacher meetings and the all-time favorite of any working parent, homework when all you want is to veg-out but the kids need your 'help' with some math you never seen before when you went to school. (Personally I can remember one math teacher that called me and asked me to quit helping with algebra because the way I learned it has all changed and I was confusing my child, not helping them and he would tutor my son if needed.) I also might mention that I have been a teacher (not math) and at that time a school district administrator for many years when this happened. (Now you have heard my funny story.) Part five is Charm School and it covers swearing, Godparents, Squabbling Children and the Magic of Childhood. The magic of childhood when a child spends time just watching the clouds and seeing animals and shapes is not a waste of time and we can't buy the magic of childhood with a trip to an amusement park. As adults we need to realize that children in being themselves, whether watch clouds of a movie for the one hundred eighty-fourth time (one grandson picked Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang! for his constantly repeated movie when he came to my house) are the magic of childhood. As a professional educator, I did not always agree with the author but she wrote a witty and very funny book, while it was obvious that she loved her three children and husband dearly and realized that she, as a mother was not perfect and to expect that hurts children because as she says, "Motherhood is also about mothers."

A bracing, hilarious manifesto for motherhood as it ought to be: spontaneous, loving, and just a little bit selfish Pre-chewing toddler food. Flash cards for two-year-olds. Endless hours of school gatherings to sit through in smiling silence. How did motherhood? which even under the best circumstances comes with a million small costs and compromises? become a venue for female martyrdom, verging on a sort of socially approved mass masochism? How did the great natural force of maternal love get channeled into a simpering, slavish adherence to an inflexible social norm, a repressive sentimentality festooned with hideous pastel baby accessories? How did the bar to good motherhood get set so high that it's impossible for modern mothers not to feel like they're failing? It doesn't have to be this way? and Daisy Waugh is here to tell us how to opt out of the masochism cycle. Part feminist manifesto, part hilarious rant, *The Kids Will Be Fine* asks modern mothers to stop confusing love with subjugation. This is a book for moms everywhere who are fed up with the constant stream of unsolicited, impractical, guilt-inducing advice directed their way; for moms who have always secretly suspected that children would turn out okay even without handmade organic snacks or protective toddler headgear. With biting wit and lancing observations, Waugh gives women permission to slough off the judgments, order in some pizza, and remember that motherhood is also about the mother.

"In her blunt, sometimes caustic, manifesto, Waugh tackles the issues that dominate parenting blogs and torment mothers daily. Breast-feeding, crying-it-out, the dismal sport of competitive birthday parties? Waugh skewers them all. She's like the chain-smoking, worldly aunt who takes a deep drag on her cigarette before blowing a cloud of smoke in your face and telling you to stop worrying and get on with your life."? *The New York Times Book "Mothers of all ages and stages will be entertained by Waugh's provocative book."*? Publishers Weekly About the Author Daisy Waugh is a weekly humor columnist writing on family for *The Sunday Times of London*, among other publications, a presenter on BBC radio, and a novelist. She lives in London with her husband and three children.