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Georgie Henderson doesn't want to have kids, but her best friend, Nina Doherty, has wanted to have a baby for as long as she can remember. Sadly, Nina's uterus refuses to cooperate. One drunken evening, Nina asks Georgie for the ultimate favour: would she carry a baby for her? Georgie says yes – and spends the next nine months wondering why!

With intense bacon-and-egg roll cravings and distant memories of what her feet look like, Georgie tries to keep it all together in her dream job as the editor of Jolie magazine. Her love life's a mess – and sauvignon blanc's off the menu – leaving Georgie to deal with twists in her life she never expected.

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Holly says

She's Having Her Baby is equal parts funny and serious. It has the perfect balance to keep you reading. Lauren Sams has found a unique way of addressing infertility while also incorporating the dynamics between a women who desperately wants a baby but cannot carry; and her best friend who never wants a baby but ends up pregnant.

Rebecca says

I loved this book-until the end. I thought that the struggles that George, Ellie, and Nina were going through were a very accurate portrayal of what it is to deal with infertility, pregnancy, and motherhood today. The writing was great-the book was easy to read and humorous, especially for tackling such difficult issues. However, I just really didn't get the end. I don't want to give anything away, but I am not sure how it would be a satisfactory conclusion for anyone in real life. It seemed like a great way to end a book, but not a realistic scenario for the characters' that were dealt with so realistically throughout the rest of the book.

I received this book free from NetGalley in exchange for my honest and unbiased opinion.

Lindsey says

This was a fast read, and as a Mom to young kids, I found all the baby/parenting-talk very relatable, and somewhat entertaining. It had me reminiscing on my own pregnancies, which I enjoyed. However, there was just something lacking that I can't quite articulate to bump this up to a higher rating. Plus, the ending was predictable and yet flawed in its realness. Thank you to NetGalley for the ARC.

Cheryl says

It's an enjoyable and often utterly hilarious read - there are some great one-liners and the humour really reminded me of another great Aussie writer, Kathy Lette. All women-of-a-certain-age will be able to relate to and recognise themselves at least in part in one of the characters : Nina, going through the heartbreak of infertility, Georgie, convinced she doesn't want kids, or Ellie, the completely over-the-top Earth mother whose son is her entire world. I did think it was a shame that the surrogacy angle got sidelined though, as I think that had great potential to make the book completely original and really stand out from other similar chicklit that I've read in the past.

full review on my blog : <https://madhousefamilyreviews.blogspot...>

Ruby says

I picked this up after reading Crazy, Busy, Guilty, which I really enjoyed.

I would recommend reading this book first. It's full of humorous moments and you get a good background on Georgie and some of the things she mentions.

Both highly recommended reads

Veronica ?? says

Lauren Sams' debut novel, *She's Having Her Baby*, is a very real, yet humorous, look at the ups and downs of friendship, infertility, motherhood and all things in between.

It's easy to not connect with Georgie at the beginning of the book, she is selfish and very opinionated but then she does the most amazing selfless thing and offers to give birth to her best friend's baby.

I didn't like Nina at the start of the book and still didn't warm to her by the end of the story. Maybe its just I've never been in her situation so couldn't connect with her character. My favourite character was Colin Bennet. Are there really men out there like Colin? He must have popped over from some fantasy world. I really need him to be in the next book!

I would recommend this book to every mother out there that can have a laugh and doesn't take themselves too seriously.

This story made me laugh out loud and I even got a little teary at times.

Looking forward to the sequel!

With thanks to First Reads and the publisher for my copy to read and review.

Amy Buckle / Amy's Bookshelf says

Another book from Legend Press! This time it is the hilarious and relatable novel, *She's Having Her Baby*. Georgina Henderson has never wanted children; she has successfully conquered her career goals, now being an editor at Jolie magazine, and, despite everyone around her seeming to be having children, it has never been something she has wanted for herself. But one day, George must make a tough decision. Her best friend Nina wants nothing more than to have a baby, but after years of trying, her and her husband decide they must consider other routes. Enter Georgie. Nina, running out of options, asks her to be the surrogate. Sure, it won't be her baby by blood, but can George carry someone else's baby for 9 months, despite her vehement opinions against motherhood, and how will her own life continue if she chooses to make the decision?

This was such a refreshing read; the narrative is relatable, funny, and heart-warming. I loved George as a protagonist and Sams wasn't afraid to write reality rather than some rose-tinted fairytale. Her entire story was just so enjoyable to follow and I loved being on the journey with her. The other characters were great too, especially Nina, she had some absolutely amazing one-liners, and although she's fictional, I would love to have a friend like her. Sams also doesn't just brush over Nina's heartache at not being able to get pregnant, she writes the situation with sensitivity and makes sure Nina's pain is felt.

I also love that the plot wasn't straight-forward, obviously I won't give away any spoilers, but let's just say it didn't exactly go how I thought it would, but in the best way. Again, it just reiterated the plausibility of the novel and made it more relatable and just great to read. Sams also really finishes it off nicely with the ending which was satisfying and just right for the plot and characters.

It's also nice to read a book sometimes which, while touching on big issues, doesn't drag you down with its depth or profound plot. And I'm not saying that to deprecate Sams' book in any way, but I think she really nails the right tone for this novel. It was a perfect summer read, and I think it's especially good for women to read as it has empowered characters and an empowering message.

Michelle Ryles says

I didn't expect to love this book as much as I did. It sounds like chick-lit with a serious storyline when Georgie agrees to be a surrogate for her best friend Nina, but it has a hilarious twist in the tale. I laughed so much that I felt as if I'd had an intense tummy workout. *She's Having Her Baby* is the best kind of exercise for those out of shape tummy muscles.

Georgie is a brilliant character; I absolutely loved her. As a career woman with an aversion to babies, she somehow manages to be both selfish and selfless when she offers to carry a baby for her best friend. Georgie's complete denial when she finds out that she is pregnant is so funny, it's only when she practically bursts out of her bra that it really hits home for her. I almost choked with laughter when Georgie got fitted for an F-cup and said that the F stands for 'fark me, your tits are massive'.

Being friends from school, I loved the history that Georgie and Nina have. Their school reunion is hilarious when Nina tells Kelly, the school bully, what everyone really thought of her. Never mind rapturous applause from the people in the book, I was punching the air and applauding too. It's funny how people remember the past differently and I wanted to smack Kelly in the face when she was being all sickly nice to Georgie and Nina but Nina saved me by giving her a well-deserved and well-overdue tongue lashing!

Georgie's job as editor of *Jolie* magazine reminded me of *The Devil Wears Prada* with all the minions running around while Meg The Big Boss swishes in and out issuing instructions. Georgie might think she's friends with Meg but I've always said that you don't have friends at work and Georgie finds this out the hard way. I enjoyed the trips to Georgie's office, as it gave us a little insight into the world of magazine publishing.

With her inimitable Aussie humour, Lauren Sams writes like an Australian Marian Keyes, as she manages to put an amusing slant on everyday observations. The unbreakable, but often tested, thread of friendship is woven throughout the book so I knew that Georgie would 'get by with a little help from her friends'. See what I did there? Lauren Sams adds a few song references now and again and I bet I didn't even spot all of them but it was good fun seeing how she slipped them in there.

Both witty and heart-warming, *She's Having Her Baby* is as fresh as it is funny. I loved every single page of it; fans of Lauren Weisberger, Marian Keyes and Helen Fielding should definitely not miss this one!

I chose to read an ARC and this is my honest and unbiased opinion.

Cate McKinnon Alexander says

George (don't call her Georgie) is focused on her career and has sworn she'll never have kids. Until her best friend Nina is battling infertility and, as a last ditch effort, asks George to carry her baby.

Can Nina and George's friendship survive the transition to motherhood? And can they avoid turning into Ellie, the one time party-girl who now can't think beyond her two year old?

A fun, light read that covers friendship, motherhood, and feeling out of step with the world around you.

Looking forward to the

Kat says

This is my kind of book. I really enjoyed it. My hat goes off to the main character Georgia for helping her friend Nina when she couldn't have a baby. Even though I'm not a mother myself, I always scope out books about parenthood especially motherhood. I like to hear about the trials and tribulations. I enjoy it in both genres of fiction and non fiction. I hope Lauren writes more in the future especially about motherhood. maybe even a sequel?

Thanks goes to net galley & the publishers for providing me with a free copy in exchange for an honest review.

Bookread2day says

Full review on my website www.bookread2day.wordpress.com

I really enjoyed reading the first instalment of a hilarious hit international series. If you are a fan of JoJo Moye's like I am, then your going to love this book. Two women are completely different. Georgie Henderson doesn't want kids, but Nina her best friend was desperate for a baby. Sadly there are woman in this world that can't have a baby and turn to a surrogate. This story brings this to light with IVF not working, but has some funny lines in some scenes too.

Shelleyrae at Book'd Out says

She's Having Her Baby is a funny and bittersweet debut chick lit novel from Lauren Sams.

*"This is it. She's going to ask me to be her surrogate. No, she won't. Surely she won't. That only happens in Katherine Heigl movies, Jesus f** Christ, what if she asks? What am I going to say? There's only one answer, right? Jesus f**"*

Thirty something magazine editor, Georgie Henderson, has never wanted kids but her best friend, Nina Doherty, wants nothing more than to be a mother and when her latest IVF attempt fails, she asks Georgie for

the ultimate favour. Reluctantly Georgie agrees to become Nina's surrogate, willing to help Nina's dream come true, but Georgie is wholly unprepared for what comes next...

Life doesn't always go to plan and in *She's Having Her Baby* the plot doesn't quite develop as the reader may expect. Sharply observed, the author explores the themes of infertility, surrogacy, motherhood and friendship in a manner that is funny, poignant and compassionate.

I found Georgie to be an interesting character, she definitely has her flaws, being somewhat inflexible and self absorbed, but she is amusing, feisty and loyal in her own way. I admired Georgia for deciding to help Nina, though I think choosing not to have children for whatever reason is a perfectly valid decision, and though Georgia doesn't cope particularly well when things don't work out as expected, including with her relationship and career, she eventually pulls it together.

I've witnessed the toll infertility can take on the soul, and relationships, and I really felt for Nina, her desperation is authentic and moving. I laughed out loud at the passages describing the parenting styles of Ellie and the mothers at the playground. Those type of 'helicopter', holier than thou parents drove me crazy when my children were babies so I agreed . It's not like I let mine play with knives or fed them a steady diet of McDonalds but they watched ABC Kids, ate jarred baby foods and wore disposable nappies, and let me assure you they are all bright, healthy and happy children.

The writing is of a good standard, the dialogue is natural, and humour is used to good effect, without undermining the more serious issues. The pacing works well with some surprises in the plot and a conclusion that is satisfying but not too neat.

I enjoyed *She's Having Her Baby*, I found it to be both an entertaining and touching novel tackling issues relevant to the modern woman. Lauren Sams is a debut author with promise.

Roskana says

I just loved this book – it's very, very funny. There's humour in every line, honesty on every page and enough touching episodes to keep you believing in the characters. Anyone who has tried to get pregnant, tried to be a friend to a new parent or who has put up with irritatingly rose-tinted-spectacled-people advocating this, that or the other will recognise themselves here. The plot takes a few twists too – this is truly a well-crafted novel. If you enjoy *The Letdown* on Netflix, you'll be thrilled with *She's Having Her Baby*. Thanks to Lauren Sams for a really great read, and to Legend Press for sending me a review copy. It'll be a long time before I find a gem like this.

This is worth more than five stars!

Dash fan says

5? A Must Read for all

She's Having Her Baby is a story of friendship, relationships, infertility problems, surrogacy, motherhood

and pregnancy.

Would you ever be able to be a surrogate mother for your best friend if she asked?

Well that's exactly what happened to Georgie. After a drunken night with her best friend Nina, she asks if she would carry her baby as she has been trying for so many years to conceive.

Georgie agrees, without even truly thinking of the ups and downs of being pregnant and how much her life was about to change!

For me giving anyone the chance to have a baby is such a truly unique and special gift it melted my heart.

Georgie is career driven and motherhood is the last thing she wants. But seeing Nina so unhappy when all their friends have families is the push she needs to help Nina.

But this story is more than just having a baby it's a humorous inside look at the ups and downs of becoming pregnant, being pregnant, the relationships between the friends and their families.

It's a wonderful story of the power of friendship and how a selfless act of friendship will change lives.

Although there are plenty of laugh out loud moments, there are also very sensitive subjects which effect so many families all over the world.

But Lauren gets the mix just perfectly.

This is a funny, poignant, heart warming and at times emotional read that drew me in and easily kept me turning the pages.

I really do believe She's Having Her Baby will appeal to a wide variety of readers.

I'm excited to see what's next from Lauren. I have a feeling she is going to be an Author to watch out for!

Thank you to Legend Press for this copy which I reviewed honestly and voluntarily.

My Review is also on my Blog Website:-

<https://dashfan81.blogspot.com/2018/0...>

Simone says

Georgie and Nina are best friends with one major difference. Georgie has long known she never wants kids and relishes the freedom that life choice brings. Nina on the other hand wants nothing more than to be a mother. Married for several years she and her husband have endured the rollercoaster of IVF with no success and it has taken its toll on their relationship. Deciding that she can't go through the torturous process again Nina and Georgie go out drinking one night and with her inhibitions lowered Nina asks her friend if she will be her surrogate.

Nobody is more surprised than Georgie herself when she reluctantly agrees to do the ultimate favour for her best friend. But as often happens in life things don't go quite as smoothly as planned, leading the two women on a journey that tests their friendship and teaches them surprising things about themselves. Georgie is hard to like at times and I can't say I really grew to enjoy her character. I don't know that she was as fully

developed as she could have been, although she was realistic enough.

Although *She's Having Her Baby* explores the heartbreaking theme of infertility it does so in a way that includes many light hearted and humorous moments. Those who have been through pregnancy will relate to the cravings and unwelcome changes it brings to your body and those who haven't will gain some insight into what it is all about. The description of some of the mothers in the playground is funny but perhaps a little cliched.

All in all this is an enjoyable story with some surprising plot twists that kept it more interesting than the blurb suggests. I will say I enjoyed it more as it went along. The writing is good with an engaging style and the dialogue is natural and authentic for the characters. I also enjoyed the contemporary Australian setting. It is a promising debut for Lauren Sams and will no doubt appeal to those who enjoy an engaging chick lit novel.
