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A warm and witty memoir of motherhood (or what you meant to say but were too busy parenting ...)

Every middle-aged woman wants to say in a firm, clear, loving voice to every young woman: 'I have been you. But you haven't been me, yet ... You should listen.'

Liberated from the daily minutiae when her daughter left home, Michele A'Court suddenly found the time she'd never had as a parent - to think about being a parent. Mostly, she spent the time wondering if she'd told her daughter everything she needed to know - such as how to store ginger, get rid of bloodstains, calculate GST, stop your tights snagging, the meaning of feminism ... that sort of thing.

So she began to make a list. The list became a hit solo comedy show. And then the list kept getting longer. So now it has become a book. A funny, wise, honest and maybe even useful book.

Turns out I raised a determined young woman with her own very clear ideas about how to live her life. Who saw that coming? I blame the mother.

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Jennifer LeeAnn Jones says

I loved this book. There's something about biographies written by female comedians that are so much less self-pitying than those written by male comedians.

I would recommend this book whole-heartedly.

Stephanie says

There were parts of this book that were laugh out loud funny, but overall it was a pretty thought-provoking book on feminism. I really appreciated her insights, views and explanations.

Thou A'Court is a comedian, don't expect this book to be all laughs...it has funny bits and is an easy read, but the core of the subject matter is generally important info (therefore not 'light' necessarily).

Kathy says

Michele A'Court's book is an interesting premise based on her (I did not realise) live comedy act about stuff she forgot to tell her daughter before she moved out of home- quite a neat idea. It's an all-encompassing read that includes what it means to be a mother and grandmother and the other important components of day to day life that includes children, marriage, divorce, family, relationships, money, work etc.

A mildly amusing memoir with some educational tidbits also. Particularly of interest, being a Kiwi myself, recognising the history and media stories she mentions. A'Court is highly opinionated with huge feminist ties and activism and loud in her anecdotal experiences throughout the story. Definitely a lot of personality shining through as she learns her life lessons and passes them onto us.

An easy read that is meant for humour and good for both mothers and daughters. Decent though not a favourite- put it down when I was distracted by a different, shinier (appeal) and heavier (longer) text.

Nicola Igusa says

Overall I really enjoyed this book, especially Michele's thoughts on ageing ungracefully, but found it dragged a little in the middle.

Shona says

Spent a lot of time laughing my head off through this book.

So many of the stories and anecdotes Michelle told resonated with me and is similar to what I am living

through with my tween.

I got lost in the middle sections of the book, many of the feminist views, although I agree with just didn't have the same feel or roll off the tongue to hold my attention. The final third of the book was back to quick punchy and a great read. Especially loved knowing that regardless of our hopes for our children, it IS going to be okay!

Such an amazing book which I am going to Book Fairy on so another person can spend some time laughing.

Charlie says

Not really a comedy

The book is wonderful, but it wasn't what I expected. I was looking for belly laughs, not astute insight. I felt slightly like a bait and switch "let me lure you in for a laugh, then hit you with my political agenda. That I agree completely with the politics did not make up for missing the humor -- it was there, but sardonic.

Jennifer says

It started off very promising but quickly seemed to lose focus from the original premise and fell into a zealous history of feminism. I'm all for feminism, so much so that I already familiar with the history age provided, which then thoroughly bored me and felt like a shooting lesson that held me captive. After that I just wanted to be done with the book.

Chelsea Pittman says

This is a great book for all women to read. Mothers and daughters can learn so much from each other. My mother is my best friend and I appreciate all she has taught me.

Heather Dettore says

I can't with this book. "Changing your name to your husbands when you get married is metaphorical twerking." ? Srsly? Right after she says this, she says, "I know, I know, feminism means we aren't supposed to tell other women how to live their lives, but" I metaphorically said "put the shut to the up" by deciding against reading the rest of this book. ?

Tracy says

Very entertaining, it finished too soon! Should be compulsory reading for all mothers and daughters.

Jodie Warner says

Meh, I think I would have enjoyed this more if I actually knew who the author was! Having known her background would have made it more meaningful, but it came across as a bit self-indulgent. Good advice about stockings and body lotion though!

Katie Kumbar says**A great book for the mother of an adult son or daughter to read!**

I loved this book. She said so many things that I frequently think, only she was able to be funny while saying it!

Karen says

A book for both mothers and daughters that treats women with total respect, promotes the ideal of feminism, is written from a genuine heart and makes you laugh at the same time. Loved it! Loved the sentiments. Contains advice to live by. Thanks Ms A'Court for representing New Zealand women to the world. Good job.

Anna Bishop says

Funny & clever & kind & just opinionated enough to make it interesting. Michele is one of those people who has been in the background of my life, nearly all my life, making jokes & being decent. I was a kid when she was a kids' presenter on What Now? And now I'm an adult I listen to her on one of my favourite podcasts & watch her on TV & in festivals when I can. I really enjoyed her open hearted & very kind book.

Lisette says

Hilarious and heartwarming. I couldn't help snorting with laughter while reading. Thanks Michelle, a great gift for any mum, daughter, or person who likes a laugh.
