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Wait till you see what's happened to Elly now! She's already juggling a new job, the adolescent traumas of Michael and now Elizabeth, plus the usual housework woes - and now Elly finds out she's pregnant!

Elly herself sums it up best: "Everyone I know is talking about careers and travel - and I'm back to day care and diaper rash." The new addition brings yet more humor to the adventures of the Patterson family, that fearless foursome (now five!) who currently amuse and inspire readers in over 1,400 newspapers worldwide.

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Rain ((I failed them. I failed them all, so I no longer have friends. I refuse to watch them all die.)) says

Very good book, one of my favorites.

Lisa Macklem says

These compilations of Johnston's wonderful strip are comfort food. The stories run the gamut from funny to poignant and the stories resonate whether you are a teenager (or were a teenager!) middle aged or older - expecting a baby or having had a baby or experiencing empty nest syndrome.

K. says

I bought a bunch of For Better or For Worse books at a garage sale when I was a kid and just fell into the story of the Pattersons. It's just a comic about a normal Canadian family doing normal family stuff, but I loved it.

I didn't realize until later how revolutionary it was that the characters got older, grew as people and sometimes died. Unfortunately the later stories are much more obvious author inserts and Ms. Johnson takes them in routes that are often contrived and dull.

This title specifically is about Elly's surprise pregnancy at 40. She has left the baby stages of her kids behind and was really looking forward to the changes this freedom would bring to her life and career. I cannot empathize with her (no kids ever for me!), but it is a series about children that does not gloss over how much you sacrifice for them even if you *do* want them in your life. I can appreciate that.

Miranda Lewis says

Great Comic!!!!

I've always loved For Better or For Worse and to see how little April came along was an amazing adventure!!!!

Mireille says

As great as ever. I really wanted this one because pregnancy/new baby-ness is closer to me right now than the adventures with the bigger kids they mostly have. April's birth is so touching, I couldn't help shedding a

few tears. What a wonderful family they have.

Dee-Ann says

this is so so true ... read this comic several times, many times in which I was pregnant. I think it is almost a mirror of my life.

The other John says

The year's worth of strips in this *For Better or For Worse* collection all play out with Elly's pregnancy in the background. (Well, okay, it's actually only nine month's worth of strips, but you know what I mean.) there are a lot of funny strips in here, but my favorite is the one right before April is born. It's a goofy gag, but Ms. Johnston set it up so well. I wonder what it must have been like to read those strips one day at a time. Oh, well...

Minnie says

This was the first of the FBoFW collection that I bought. It is particularly dear to me because I also had a surprise pregnancy and my son was born on 4 April 1991, a few days after Liz's daughter April. I have seldom felt so connected to a character and a long and enduring loving relationship subsequently developed and grew along with these humble cartoon characters. Let me be open about this, I LOVE this strip!!
