



Words about *Somebody's Always Hungry*

Words from Los Angeles:

GoMommyGo

Somebody's Always Hungry is filled with short, profoundly insightful and funny stories about the insanity (and joy) of raising young kids. You will rock with laughter and tears as you realize: "SOMEBODY FINALLY UNDERSTANDS ME!"

by Ruth Elliot: http://www.gomommygo.com/obey_plan.html#juliet

From Philadelphia:



If you're tired of reading a book that glamorizes motherhood and fails to include the real stuff, then you might want to pick up Juliet Johnson's *Somebody's Always Hungry* on your next trip out. This awesome read compiles essays that remind us of the realities involved with raising kids from their first day in the world to their first day of school.

Before motherhood, our perception is one filled with roses and lilies until we give birth and all of that goes right out the window. We find out that they're not just cute anymore. They're tiny human beings that demand a lot of service. Juliet Johnson comforts moms with humorous stories that both the newbies and veterans will relate to. Most importantly, Johnson reminds us that we are not alone in our day to day struggles. If one mom went through it, a million more will. Moms will find that *Somebody's Always Hungry* is exemplary of the growing human spirit and that sometimes surrendering against our expectations is the only way to move forward. A wonderful read that will take you on a familiar journey though one mom's trials and tribulations, you will fall in love with *Somebody's Always Hungry* immediately!

<http://www.momsonthemove.com/reviews.asp>

From St. James, New York:



Somebody's Always Hungry: Essays on Motherhood by Juliet Johnson

Really light but highly amusing essays on the craziness of being a mom. Told with humor and utter lack of self-pity, Author Juliet Myfanwy Johnson proves herself a talented storyteller.

<http://www.hybridmom.com/live/refuel/best-beach-reads.html>

From Red Bank, New Jersey:



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INSIDE SCOOP

Dishing on that blur—uh, we mean time—when your children are young, *Somebody's Always Hungry* digs into the truth about motherhood with a side of humor. This collection of essays, focusing on the maddening paradigm shift from you to you as Mother, is a relatable and comforting mix of joy and pain, just like motherhood itself.

MIX MASTER

Somebody's Always Hungry talks turkey on new motherhood: It will cook your goose daily. This realistic and humorous collection of essays feels like a chat with your best girlfriend. Part commiseration, part inspiration and all reality, this telling tome dishes, so grab a plate.

http://www.thefamilygroove.com/oct08_TfgMustHaveIt.htm

From Illinois:

Chicago Parent

Fab mama

By Kate Pancero

Tales from the trenches: Life as a mom can, at times, seem like the craziest voyage. A break sometimes only lasts for a few moments. That's why *Somebody's Always Hungry: Essays on Motherhood* by Juliet Johnson is a perfect escape. It is full of short adventures from the stay-at-home mom. From her son's birth to their first pet and its demise, the California mom of three takes readers along for the ride of her life.

From Wisconsin:

The Midwest Book Review

Caring for a very young child - is there no more hectic job? *Somebody's Always Hungry: Essays on Motherhood* is a collection of essays and anecdotes on motherhood by mother Juliet Johnson, about dealing with the always hungry, always full of energy little people that are children between the ages of zero and five. Seeking to give crazed parents comfort when the rest of their day simply won't, *Somebody's Always Hungry* offers tales harried caretakers can relate to and sympathize with. **Highly recommended for community library parenting collections.**

From California:

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Juliet Johnson has truly created something great. This is a book that makes you laugh, cry and wish that there was a movie. It is a book about motherhood that's not just for moms. This book is for everyone who was a mom, will ever be a mom or ever had a mom. This is a celebration of life, of the complexities and wonder that real life offers. There are no glossy photographs or Cleaver-esque depictions of the perfect house or the perfect life; *Somebody's Always Hungry* is a book about seeing God in the bridge of a nose and poetry in a (Halloween-readied) severed arm.

E. Putini, June 10, 2008, customer review

Words from New Jersey:

from **DIRTY LITTLE SECRET**, a blog by Jersey Girl



Somebody's Always Hungry

So I read another book about mommydom this weekend. It's called *Somebody's Always Hungry* and it's by Juliet Myfanwy Johnson. I loved the title immediately. The book is a series of essays, progressively dealing with life as a mom of small children. It's not an advice book per se, but I cheered when I read this:

"Then for the next two years ignore everything you read, everything people tell you. Trust your guts."

I also loved (though this look at my impending future also made me shudder) this quote about what your lungs feel like when you're very pregnant:

"In their natural state, the lungs are a comfortable yuppie gay couple living in a spacious loft apartment in Soho, and this baby is a three hundred pound redneck cousin who's come to visit. Naturally, they're devastated." Isn't that a fabulous description? I can practically see the overall-clad cousin sprawled on the Pottery Barn couch. My lungs are already shuddering in anticipation.

What is great about Johnson's essays is that they capture both the humor and the joy of being a mom. A lot of times it seems like writers focus on one or the other (and those people who claim that it's all joy all the time REALLY ANNOY me), but never really combine both. This book combines both so well that it reads just like a real diary of motherhood. There's a great bit where she talks about how happy it makes her when she discovers some new friends live in the exact kind of chaos and mess that she and her family live in. And isn't that the reason why a lot of us blog? To share our messiness?

Another thing I loved about the book is how it is so clear that she loves her children but she admits to yelling. That's a tough one for me to admit and it makes me feel better to know that loving mothers DO yell sometimes.

Reading *Someone's Always Hungry* made me appreciate what I have and giggle at the same time. I highly recommend it.

<http://jerseygirl89.wordpress.com/2008/04/28/someones-always-hungry/>