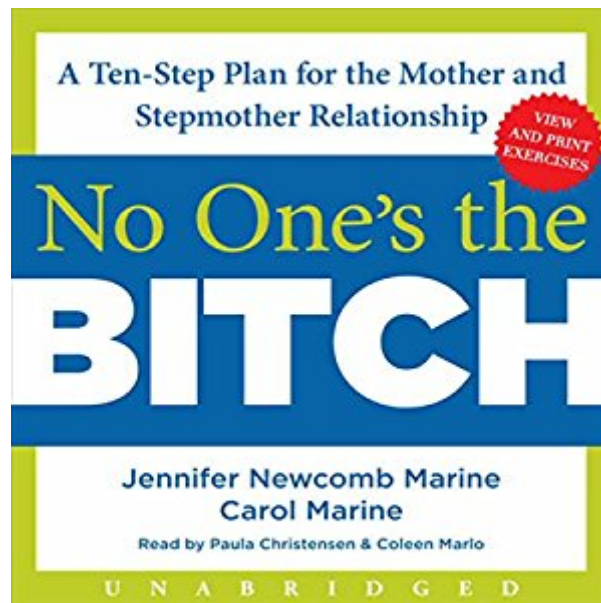




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No One's The Bitch: A Ten-Step Plan For The Mother And Stepmother Relationship



Synopsis

In *No One's the Bitch*, ex-wife/stepmother team extraordinaire Jennifer Newcomb Marine and Carol Marine take you for a straight-talking, hand-holding walk through what is typically a very lonely minefield. Whether you just want to create a neutral, "business" partnership with the "other woman" in your life-or actually, gulp, become friends-they show you how to reach your goal through 10 powerful steps.

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Customer Reviews

I would give this 2.5 stars if that were possible. This is a very simplistic book, easy to read, with very little practical advice. The authors are enthusiastic and the tone is cheerful. I was very excited to order this book but somewhat disappointed with its content. The two authors, a mom and step-mom pair, have written a book anecdotally based on their experiences. Which is great, but not very practical for the majority of blended families, whom are generally complex and variable. I would say about 90% of the book is written as a sort of pep talk, trying to convince the reader why she should attempt to have a positive relationship with the "other woman." Which, considering I am reading a book titled *No One's the Bitch* that cost me \$15, I would say it's safe to assume that I have already reached that conclusion. This is reiterated and emphasized excessively throughout the book-the authors dedicate an entire chapter and the remaining 2/3's of each subsequent chapter trying to "convince" us why having an amicable relationship is a good idea, and this becomes repetitive and

turns into filler very quickly. There is some actual advice thrown into the book, but it is extremely simplistic and not anything that I wouldn't have thought of on my own (e.g. "Be nice" "be polite" "say hello" etc). My biggest problem with the book is despite being a book about improving the relationship with the other woman, neither author seems to have done any outside research or talked to anyone else in completing their book. I understand that their own experience (two women open to having a positive relationship with one another) is limited, but if writing a book on the subject they could have reached out to counsellors and experts or other step/bio parents regarding advice for other situations. The kind of practical advice that I think most people are looking for simply isn't there, because it isn't something that the authors can anecdotally relate to. For example, what if you have never met the other woman, and wondering how to proceed? What if she sends harassing messages or is extremely resentful and you are looking for a way to keep communication positive and limit toxicity? How do you (specifically) maintain boundaries while steering conversation to productive areas? About what things (specifically) would experts recommend the bio mom/step mom communicate or not communicate? How about practical advice such as things to say/not say? Like, for example, things to avoid saying for step moms: "I love your children as if they were mine" (Bio-Mom hears: I am their new mother), or things for bio-moms to avoid saying: "I am their mother!" (Everyone knows that and no one disputes it, step mom hears a power play). This book could have been much longer, with much less filler. There isn't really any practical, concrete advice being offered here. A lot of vague, general statements, and a lot of pep talk. You don't need to avoid this book, and if you really want to work on yourself internally and your own resentment towards the other woman, there might actually be some good advice in here for you.

I wish I had the option of 4.5 stars. This is a really good book if you are trying to work through the complexities of being the new partner. Trust and mutual cooperation can fly out the window as tension runs high at times and feelings get hurt. I don't think there are hard concrete answers but I think the authors did a great job in helping the reader identify their own contribution to the tension. As a big believer in personal accountability, I feel that insight has helped me tremendously. Not sure if it will change things, but things weren't going to get resolved before. My only real criticism is the authors come across really flip at times. Dealing with an ex who doesn't like or respect you is serious and hurtful. It's also incredibly frustrating, so I wish there had been a bit more acknowledgment of that. Overall, this was a really good book with some good insight. I'd definitely recommend it!

great book. changed my life. I want to buy this for all the stepfamily friends I have in my life (is that weird?) Once I read this things cleared for me & my stepdaughters mom & I have had a drama free relationship every since-regardless of what is happening between my husband & her.-We stay unwavering & have had a mutual respect that I don't think I could have been capable of without this book

I found this book and the accompanying website to be an amazing lifeline to this new life I chose - being a stepmom. I had no idea what I had just signed up for but these 2 ladies make you feel validated and give you some wonderful practical advice to survive your way through it. I cannot wait for their 2nd book. I would recommend this book to anyone in the Mom/Stepmom relationship. I have found a whole new community of people in my same position thru these pages. This is the instruction manual to a very difficult relationship that keeps it at a kind and positive level while admitting how hard it can truly be. I love that it provides both perspectives and really opened my eyes to the fact that unknowingly my actions and words were causing the relationship harm. The title can come across as a bit offensive but it probably hits us hard because it speaks the truth of what we are thinking about the other woman. It's a very emotional roller coaster and the hardest thing I've ever done in my life. It takes a village to raise these kids and a whole supporting cast of friends and family to get the stepmom/mom thru it. Like I said, these ladies understand and relate and help you thru it. I am forever grateful to them and shall keep this book on my Kindle to re-read over and over again. I only wish it would've been a wedding gift! Ha, ha.

Wow finally a book that understands both sides of the struggle . Thank you ! I Recommend this book to moms/step moms who are ready for a positive Change after years of riding the emotional roller coaster .This book understands each roles and then provides you with the insight and tools needed to survive the journey. I am the step mom role and look forward to using a lot of their tips and I can see myself resorting back to this book when sticky situations arise .

Doesn't help at all if the other woman is, in fact, completely unreasonable and/or delusional.

Great advice from bio-mom and step mom. As both, I highly recommend this book for either side - AND for the Dad in the middle of the two.NOTE: This product was a personal purchase for myself at the normal retail price. I'm reviewing it solely because I want to share my experience with other potential customers. I have received no compensation for my review, nor do I have any relationship

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this would be a great book if both mom and step mom actually want the relationship to work and are willing to try to understand one another. It has lots of practical tools and advice.the book doesn't address what to do when one party actively tries to make the relationship as poor as possible.

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