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Book Review: Beautiful Chaos on Motherhood, Finding Yourself and overwhelming Love by Jessica Urlichs

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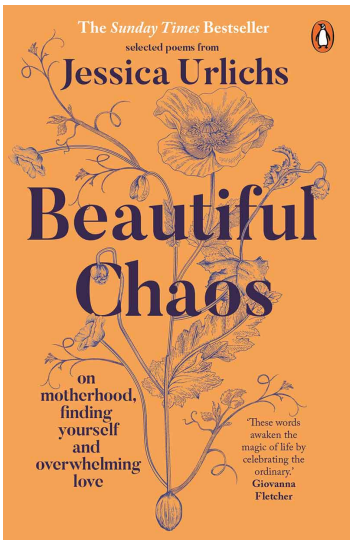
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Jessica Urlichs' book of poems is a poignant and joyous ode to motherhood. She carries the reader through the beautiful chaos of matrescence with her lyrical storytelling. From maiden to mother and beyond to the frazzled half-life of a new parent, she dangles you between the liminal space of who you used to be before, and who you are because of birth.

This is not for the faint of heart. For those who transverse the trenches of deep love and sorrow, Jessica's poems will seek out the very truth of your heart and bring you to tears. For those swallowed up by motherhood, her poetry is a warm embrace that never lets you go. The yearning felt in this book is visceral for those who are mothers, and often, it feels like you are reciting your own beautiful soliloquy.

The author takes the reader on an emotional and heartfelt journey as she weaves perspectives from both the mother and the child: in utero and newly earthside.

She journeys into the realms of women's mysteries, the creation of life on each new page from inside the womb and mother's minds – growing together, birthing together. Her poems extend to affirm the eternal love of a child beyond the 18 summers of social rhetoric. Postpartum is forever. Of that, we can be sure.

You will be unravelled and rearranged; you will be evoked to remember the yearning of all the long, hard days, the touch of small hands, the tears of loneliness, and the deepest enduring love.

Above all, she reminds women that they are exceptional, and that is the real gift of this work. **TPM**

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