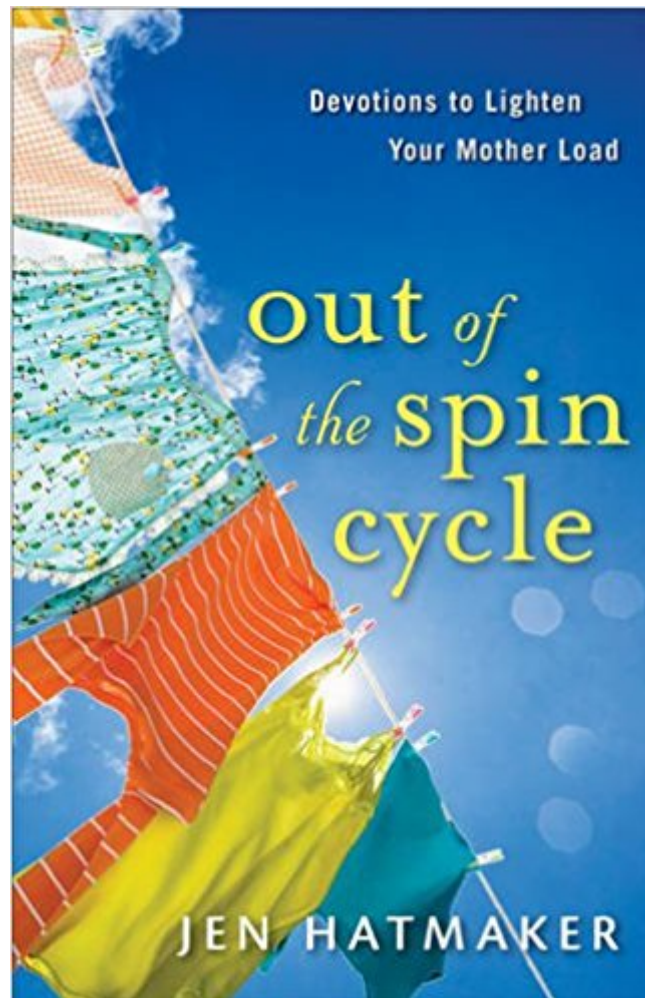




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Customer Reviews

Although she has written several "study" books, the only book that I have read of hers is Interrupted. Interrupted is the story of how God turned the Hatmaker family upside-down. It makes account of their journey of starting over and building a missional church in South Austin. (do your self a favor and read it now!) Needless to say, I am a big Hatmaker fan. You could say this makes my review more biased, but I say it makes it better. Not only do I know about her journey, but also attend her church, serve with her, see her at book club meetings, etc. My expectations of her work is higher... because I KNOW her. These stories are not fabricated to make a good read... they are real and honest. A true slice of her life. The book is divided into 40 devotions. Each one is complete with a witty title, honest to goodness story from her adventures in motherhood, a bible verse, thought provoking questions and a practical 'do it this week' application. As I read each one, it's like we are having coffee and she is there telling me the story. She writes how she speaks, and she doesn't sugar coat anything. One of my personal favorites comes from Chapter 7, where she shares the time she told her son to grab a shovel and dig his own grave... after he had "opened a fresh, sassy mouth." I had read about this particular moment in Interrupted, and wasn't surprised to see her bring it up again. This time she goes deeper. What is a funny story now, was at the time, a moment of spiritual exhaustion for her. She uses this story to share how important it is to spend even just a few

minutes alone with God each day. By putting goodness in, goodness out is most certainly to follow.

Out of the Spin Cycle by Jen Hatmaker is a sweet little read that I'm sure all moms of all ages and experience will find a delight to read. This 40-day devotional book is full of delicious nuggets of wisdom that will help any mom feel more appreciated and understood, as well as come closer to Jesus Christ daily. Jen Hatmaker speaks very candidly and honestly about what it's really like to be a mom. She addresses several subjects, including comparing yourself to other moms, feeling like you have to be supermommy, and struggling with being unappreciated in your home. Her candid style brings lots of humor, grace, and love to this book.

Jen Hatmaker has written a wonderful book for any Mom who needs to lighten her load! Her new book Out Of The Spin Cycle is the perfect gift for any mom...from the Mom struggling with her newborn baby, to the toddler mom wondering if she'll survive the challenging twos, to the more experience mom...who will enjoy looking back and laughing at her mothering trials and errors. Like a comfortable pair of mom slippers, this book should be right next to her bedside as a daily necessity. Out of The Spin Cycle has one key theme: less pressure for Mom. These 40 devotionals are centered on something that burdens moms as they are parent these tiny little creatures, delivered as a gift from God, without an instruction manual. I enjoyed Jen Hatmaker's perspective of motherhood, as I was the vice-president of the local moms club, listening to other moms pressure one another to have the "perfect child." While moms are busy scheduling playdates, Spanish lessons, enrichment classes, swim lessons for babies, and a variety of educational programs designed to elevate her child in status, Jen Hatmaker reminds us of the true meaning of motherhood: enjoy your child, as God made him or her. This is the first Jen Hatmaker book that I've read, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I received an advanced copy from the publisher Revell Books, for review.

I love Jen Hatmaker's style. She's honest, witty and vulnerable. I found a lot of encouragement from these devotionals. If you're looking for a quick daily dose of parenting encouragement, and a few laughs, this is for you.

We use this book at a mom's group at my church as a devotional to help lead the discussion in a Christ based but relatable direction. So far it has sparked some very meaningful and genuine discussions and we are excited to continue. Jen Hatmaker has a tone that is both easy to read and

very relatable. Even those of us that only have a few free minutes in the day have time to read and reflect. The challenges she proposes are both doable and eye opening. I would recommend it to others.

Hilarious & thought provoking! This is one of the absolute best daily devotions I have ever read. Jen Hatmakers ability to make me feel like I'm a friend & laugh along & relate to her own personal stories, is a rare find for me. I am on day 30 of the 40 day devotional & my book is full of things I've highlighted along the way. I already plan on rereading it once I finish because I gained so much from it. It is practice & down to earth, a quick & easy read, but it makes you think about things you typically put to the side or brush off. A good example for me is when she talked about getting annoyed at her husband for going to work & all the sit down restaurants, adult interactions & fun he must be having, while she is at home with the kids & not doing any of those things. But then it puts the husband/wife work/home relationships into perspective & it made me take a deep breath & realize I've been treating my husband unfairly on this exact thing. I plan on purchasing more copies of this devotional for my sister & friends. I cannot recommend it enough!

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