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**Immaculate  
Deception II** Da Capo

Lifelong Books  
Explaining how to ease the fear and pain of childbirth, the author demonstrates an eight-step method that teaches the expectant mother how to cope with labor and childbirth

**Birth Mandala** Simon and Schuster  
Written by an enlightened obstetrician, this book emphasizes both the medical and spiritual sides of pregnancy and childbirth. Dr. Ronald Cole combines a medically sound foundation with a positive connection of the mind and body to help parents create a loving, safe, gentle greeting for their baby. *Our Bodies, Ourselves: Pregnancy and Birth* Chronicle Books  
This groundbreaking book takes us around

the world in search of birth models that work in order to improve the standard of care for mothers and families everywhere. The contributors describe examples of maternity services from both developing countries and wealthy industrialized societies that apply the latest scientific evidence to support and facilitate normal physiological birth; deal appropriately with complications; and generate excellent birth outcomes—including psychological satisfaction for the mother. The book concludes with a description of the ideology that underlies all these working models—known internationally as the midwifery model of

care.  
Maternity and Paternity at Work The Collective Book Studio  
Birth as every woman would like it to be • Recommended by Lamaze International as one of the top ten books for pregnant women and their families • Includes a 45-minute DVD of six live gentle births • More than 32,000 copies sold of the original edition  
New parents are faced with a myriad of choices about pregnancy, labor, and birth. In Gentle Birth Choices Barbara Harper, renowned childbirth advocate, nurse, former midwife, and mother of three, helps to clarify these choices and shows how to plan a meaningful, family-centered birth experience. She dispels

medical myths and reimagines birth without fear, pain, or violence. Harper explains the numerous gentle birth choices available, including giving birth in an independent birth center, at home, or in a hospital birthing room; finding a primary caregiver who shares your philosophy of birth; and deciding how to best use current technologies. She also provides practical advice for couples wishing to explore the option of using a doula or water during labor and birth to avoid the unwanted effects of drugs and epidurals. The Gentle Birth Choices DVD blends interviews with midwives and physicians and six actual births that illustrate the options of

water birth, home birth, and vaginal birth after a prior Cesarean section. The DVD clearly reveals the strength of women during childbirth and the healthy and happy outcome of women exercising gentle birth choices. It is a powerful instructional tool, not only for expectant parents, but also for midwives, hospitals, birth centers, and doctors.

Sacred Birthing,

Morgan James  
Publishing

In this intimate perspective on birth, renowned author and photographer Suzanne Arms conveys the inherent wisdom in this natural process, through her eloquent words and pictures.

From the Trade  
Paperback edition.

**From the Hips**

Birthing from Within  
Books

Whether they are in developed or developing nations, all women are susceptible to dying from complications in childbirth. While some of these complications are unavoidable, many develop during pregnancy and can be prevented or, when caught in time, treated. These difficulties are often a result of inaccessibility to care, inadequate health services, poor prenatal screening, and uninformed mothers, among others, that in many cases are a direct consequence of the mother's geographical location and economic status. Innovations in Global Maternal Health: Improving Prenatal and Postnatal Care

Practices explores new techniques, tools, and solutions that can be used in a global capacity to support women during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period, regardless of their wealth or location. Highlighting a range of topics such as maternal care models, breastfeeding, and social media and internet health forums, this publication is an ideal reference source for world health organizations, obstetricians, midwives, lactation consultants, doctors, nurses, hospital staff, directors, counselors, therapists, academicians, and researchers interested in the latest practices currently in use that can combat maternal mortality and morbidity

and lead to healthier women and newborns. Beyond Political Correctness HarperCollins UK This up-to-date comprehensive and consolidated guideline on essential intrapartum care brings together new and existing WHO recommendations that when delivered as a package will ensure good-quality and evidence-based care irrespective of the setting or level of health care. The recommendations presented in this guideline are neither country nor region specific and acknowledge the variations that exist globally as to the level of available health services within and between countries. The guideline highlights the

importance of woman-centred care to optimize the experience of labour and childbirth for women and their babies through a holistic human rights-based approach. It introduces a global model of intrapartum care which takes into account the complexity and diverse nature of prevailing models of care and contemporary practice. The recommendations in this guideline are intended to inform the development of relevant national- and local-level health policies and clinical protocols. Therefore the target audience includes national and local public health policy-makers implementers and managers of maternal and child health

programmes health care facility managers nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) professional societies involved in the planning and management of maternal and child health services health care professionals (including nurses midwives general medical practitioners and obstetricians) and academic staff involved in training health care professionals.

*Ancient Map for Modern Birth* University of North Texas Press

The trusted editors of *Our Bodies, Ourselves*, called “a feminist classic” by The New York Times, present a comprehensive guide to pregnancy and childbirth, from prenatal care and emotional well-being to

how to handle the pain of childbirth. Pregnancy and birth are as ordinary and extraordinary as breathing, thinking, or loving. But as soon as you announce you're expecting, you may be bombarded with advice from every angle—well-meaning friends, relatives, medical professionals, even strangers want to weigh in on what you should or shouldn't do, and it's easy to feel overwhelmed by their conflicting recommendations. Our Bodies, Ourselves: Pregnancy and Birth will help you sort fact from fiction, giving you the most accurate research, up-to-date information, and the firsthand experiences of numerous women who have been exactly where you are today.

You'll get the tools you need to take care of yourself and your baby during and after your pregnancy, from tips on eating well during pregnancy to strategies for coping with stress and depression. Learn everything you need to know about:

- Choosing a good health care provider
- Selecting a place of birth
- Understanding prenatal testing
- Coping with labor pain
- Speeding your physical recovery
- Adjusting to life as a new mother

Our Bodies, Ourselves: Pregnancy and Birth is an essential resource for women that will guide you through the many decisions ahead. [Give Birth a Chance](#)  
Author House  
Drawing on the experiences of hundreds of real

parents and the expertise of doctors, midwives and other birth and baby pros, this indispensable resource is filled with the most accurate and up-to-date information about having and caring for a baby, including: Decisions, Decisions: A judgment-free breakdown of every major choice, including prenatal testing, natural vs. medical childbirth, circumcision, breast or bottle feeding, and work/life options The Endless No: What not to eat, take, and do when you're pregnant-get the real facts behind the prohibitions I Want My Life Back: Anxiety, regret, ambivalence, and other rarely discussed postpartum emotions Parents and partners: A look beyond the one-

size-fits-all approach to family, with strategies for minimizing perfect-parent pressure and managing your real-life relationships through the changes Sorting Through the Voices: A user-friendly guide to the dueling gurus, trendy techniques, and conflicting theories that confuse new parents A forward-thinking book that includes a wide range of voices and approaches, From the Hips reflects the many ways of being pregnant and parenting without suggesting that there is one right way.

**Natural Healing for Babies and Children**

National Academies Press

Here is a holistic approach to childbirth that examines this profound rite-of-passage not as a



medical event but as an act of self-discovery. Exercises and activities such as journal writing, meditation, and painting will help mothers analyze their thoughts and face their fears during pregnancy. For use during birth, the book offers proven techniques for coping with labor pain without drugs, a discussion of the doctor or midwife's role, and a look at the father's responsibilities. Childbirth education should also include what to expect after the baby is born. Here are baby basics, such as how to bathe a newborn, how to get the little one to sleep, and tips for getting nursing off to a good start. Pregnancy, birth, and postpartum is a

process of continuous learning and adjustment; Birth Within provides the necessary support and education to make each phase of birthing a rewarding experience.

**Natural Labor and Birth: An Evidence-Based Guide to the Natural Birth Plan**

Springer Science & Business Media

The emphasis of the manual is on rapid assessment and decision making. The clinical action steps are based on clinical assessment with limited reliance on laboratory or other tests and most are possible in a variety of clinical settings.

Pregnancy, Childbirth, and the Newborn Univ of California Press

This book constitutes the refereed

proceedings of the 7th Conference of the Workgroup Human-Computer Interaction and Usability Engineering of the Austrian Computer Society, USAB 2011, in Graz, Austria, in November 2011. The 18 revised full papers together with 29 revised short papers and 2 posters presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 103 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on cognitive approaches to clinical data management for decision support, human-computer interaction and knowledge discovery in databases (hci-kdd), information usability and clinical workflows, education and patient empowerment, patient

empowerment and health services, information visualization, knowledge & analytics, information usability and accessibility, governmental health services & clinical routine, information retrieval and knowledge discovery, decision making support & technology acceptance, information retrieval, privacy & clinical routine, usability and accessibility methodologies, information usability and knowledge discovery, human-centred computing, and biomedical informatics in health professional education.  
*Preconception: Improve Your Health and Enhance Fertility*  
 Lennex  
 Designed to transform

the experience of childbirth, this manual calls upon the use of the timeless and powerful symbol of the labyrinth in 12 simple meditations and ceremonies. Ideal as a tool for centering the self and calming the body and mind, this guide ushers readers through the inner journey of the childbearing year from pregnancy and labor through the postpartum stage. A variety of labyrinths including four childbirth-related labyrinths from the Hopi and Papago cultures in the American Southwest and two others from India are presented in this handbook and cover topics that include helping mothers focus on their emotional and spiritual

state preparation for birth, aid in calming the mind and steadying breathing during birth, and allowing parents to fully process their experiences. Instructions for drawing a classic labyrinth, ideas for personalizing the design, and labyrinth "seeds" start-up patterns for six variations of labyrinths are also included. The timeless and powerful symbol of the labyrinth forms the core of this collection of 12 simple meditations and ceremonies designed to transform the experience of childbirth. The inner journey through the childbearing year from pregnancy through labor and postpartum stages is enhanced

through the use of labyrinths as a tool for meditation and centering. Studies show that walking or finger-tracing a labyrinth slows down and balances brain waves, calms the body and mind, and helps access intuitive knowing. During pregnancy, labyrinth meditations help the mother focus on her emotional and spiritual preparation for birth and mothering. In labor, the labyrinth helps to calm the mind, steady the breath, and ease pain. Postpartum, the Birth Story Labyrinth helps parents process and integrate their experience in labor. A variety of labyrinths including four childbirth-related labyrinths from the Hopi and Papago cultures in the

American Southwest and two others from India are presented in this handbook. Instructions for drawing a classic labyrinth, ideas for personalizing the design, and labyrinth "seeds" start-up patterns for six variations of labyrinth are also included. The labyrinth meditations and rituals may be practiced privately or may be used to enrich mother blessing ceremonies and baby showers.

**Mother Rising** Harper Collins

The first evidence-based book covering natural childbirth practices written by an obstetrician. Natural birth plans have emerged as a battle cry of resistance among women who are dissatisfied with

today's medically-aggressive model of maternity care and high cesarean section rates. However, natural birth does not need to be a source of controversy or conflict between women and their nurses and doctors. *Natural Labor and Birth: An Evidenced-Based Guide to the Natural Birth Plan* seeks to broaden the medical community's understanding of the motivations and needs of naturally laboring mothers, while also exploring why natural birth is often so difficult to achieve within our current system and what can be done to change that. It is a complete resource on the topic of natural childbirth, teaching healthcare providers and other

birth workers the skills necessary to assist a woman through an unmedicated birth and reviewing the compilation of medical evidence in support of those methods. It demonstrates how natural birth can exist within the framework of traditional antepartum care and hospital deliveries, and offers alternative solutions to common challenges that often disrupt the physiologic birth process. *Natural Labor and Birth: An Evidenced-Based Guide to the Natural Birth Plan* is also an unbiased resource for pregnant women seeking a more thorough and scientific understanding of unmedicated birth. This guide will help women and their partners make their

own birth plans from a truly informed place. It will help women understand the barriers they may face when seeking a natural birth and give them the ability to better communicate their needs and preferences. By creating room for natural birth within our maternity system, this book will help readers build a community of care where all women feel respected, acknowledged, and empowered during their birth experience.

### The Gentle Greeting

#### Celestial Arts

The main aim of this practical Handbook is to strengthen counselling and communication skills of skilled attendants (SAs) and other health providers, helping them to effectively discuss with women, families and

communities the key issues surrounding pregnancy, childbirth, postpartum, postnatal and post-abortion care. Counselling for Maternal and Newborn Health Care is divided into three main sections. Part 1 is an introduction which describes the aims and objectives and the general layout of the Handbook. Part 2 describes the counselling process and outlines the six key steps to effective counselling. It explores the counselling context and factors that influence this context including the socio-economic, gender, and cultural environment. A series of guiding principles is introduced and specific counselling skills are outlined. Part 3 focuses on different maternal

and newborn health topics, including general care in the home during pregnancy; birth and emergency planning; danger signs in pregnancy; post-abortion care; support during labor; postnatal care of the mother and newborn; family planning counselling; breastfeeding; women with HIV/AIDS; death and bereavement; women and violence; linking with the community. Each Session contains specific aims and objectives, clearly outlining the skills that will be developed and corresponding learning outcomes. Practical activities have been designed to encourage reflection, provoke discussions, build skills and ensure the local relevance of

information. There is a review at the end of each session to ensure the SAs have understood the key points before they progress to subsequent sessions.

### **Gentle Birth Choices**

World Health Organization  
The Birth Mandalas book includes mandala art, a guided visualization and thought provoking exercises for an empowering childbirth experience. A birth mandala is sacred art for childbirth. The mandala appears from a dark background, like the baby emerging from the darkness of the womb into the light. Enjoy creative processes that access the subconscious. The way childbirth is perceived influences labor and birth.

Subconscious beliefs, formed from what you've seen, heard or experienced, can either sabotage or affirm your conscious intentions. Learn how to effortlessly re-write limiting beliefs with ones that assist you during childbirth. Your birth mandala embodies your new beliefs and vision for labor and birth with symbols, images, designs and words. You will find women's mandalas, journals and their after-birth reflections. From Shannon's healing of past sexual abuse, Amy's strength and courage, to Stacy's power of intention, the themes and revelations are as unique as their mandalas. Creating a birth mandala is an invaluable gift you give yourself for childbirth.

It is the gift that keeps on giving, exclaims Stacy, a workshop participant.

### **Birth Settings in America** World Health Organization

The reason that the right dominates debates on crime, family values, and economic freedom while the left defends diversionary policies such as affirmative actions and equivocates on ecology and the political empowerment of the young, argues Cummings (political science, U. of Colorado) is that too many progressives have avoided politically sensitive issues, thus condemning themselves to intellectual atrophy and political ineffectiveness. c. Book News Inc.



Mindful Birthing Simon  
and Schuster

This is an indispensable volume for parents seeking safe and effective ways to promote and maintain their child's health. Using a wide range of herbal and other natural remedies, Aviva Jill Romm -- midwife, herbalist, and mother of four -- presents her expertise in a form that is comprehensive and user-friendly.

*Nurture* Word Witch Sacred Birthing, Birthing A New Humanity book is my journey as a midwife, and how I was shown that there was more to birthing babies than just that tiny beautiful baby. It is really all about consciousness, not only for the baby, but also for the parents. In the first

edition, published in 2003, I just had to write down all the stories, realizations and understanding that was inside me. Then I had to grow up and come of age. As I grew, "What about the baby?" was always my question as I heard birth becoming more and more about medical procedures, technology, drugs and pain. But I kept thinking, what must it feel like to the baby? We need to think about the pristine, delicate, sensitive baby who is experiencing her out-of-the-belly-life for the first time. And so, Soul-Needs, that which upholds a baby's radiance, were honored and highlighted to enunciate this. Babies' Soul-Needs turned everything around and

placed the priorities correctly. This makes it clear, for its the baby's birth. Not the moms. We had our own birth. This is our baby's birth, and we are here to do all we can for their birth to be its best. Sacred Birthing Insights are the principles for parent's actions to support their baby's highest birth. These bring parents into coherence with their baby's needs. If we wish to go into a new direction, new choices must be made in order to turn the corner away from the old loop and into new possibilities. This can only be created when we jump out of the box of, birth as it is. Are we able to let go of all its outdated stories? If it is true that there is "a new kind of birth for the Master Souls

coming," then we wish to do all we can to implement the softest birth for our baby. By refining our understanding of what each soul needs from us to anchor rightly into life, we can offer what they need by the way we give birth. Our goal is to honor and protect a baby's energetic excellence, so that each is "well-born," and a pristine newborn is received. This is a stepping stone into that new paradigm of birth. Instead of being birthed into pain, what if a baby were born into rushes of bliss? What if joy and gratitude were the feelings mom authentically expresses? What if mom could 'sing out her baby' as a gift to the Earth? There are so many options of love

that can cradle your baby on her journey. What it takes is for us to shift the way we think and feel. Our baby's highest birth will take our willingness, and the absolute strength of intention. Are we ready to trust that there is a delicious way to give birth that better supports this baby's life? Are we willing to be in the place of "not knowing how it will happen," but trusting it will? Our Wise-Self and Guardians have been waiting for our request to determine our own higher paradigm of birth. Then as we stand back expectantly, nature will lead the way. And when one of us, and then another, and another creates this higher paradigm of birth, then the hundredth monkey

jumps in, and it's real for everyone. It's already happening.

WHO  
Recommendations on Intrapartum Care for a Positive Childbirth Experience Houghton Mifflin Harcourt  
Written to help the expectant mother sort through the different anaesthesia (total pain block) and analgesia (partial pain block) options that are available today, this book empowers women to make informed choices regarding pain relief in childbirth. It describes the recent and dramatic changes in pain relief options including new medications, and the role of anaesthesiologists who are continuously creating ways to improve pain relief for

labour and delivery to give expectant mothers some control during the delivery process. This book looks at the advantages and disadvantages of anaesthesia and pain

medications, covers the physiological changes experienced by the expectant mother as they relate to pain relief, and details natural childbirth options.