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If you're looking for a parenting book, this is not it. This is not a treatise on how to be a mother.

This is a book about a young girl who moves to a new town every couple of years; a misfit teenager who finds solace in a local music scene; an adrift twenty-something who drops out of college to pursue her dream of making cheesecake on a stick a successful business franchise (ah, the ideals of youth). Alone in a new city, she summons her inner strength as she holds the hand of a dying stranger. Davies is a woman who finds humor in difficult pregnancies and post-partum depression (after reading "Pie" you might never eat Thanksgiving dessert the same way). She is a divorcee who unexpectedly finds second love. She is a happily married suburban wife who nevertheless makes a mental list of all the men she would have slept with. And she is a parent who finds herself tested in ways she could never imagine. In stories that cut to the quick, Davies explores passion, loss, illness, pain, and joy, told from her singular, gimlet-eyed, hilarious perspective.

Mothers of Sparta is not a blow-by-blow of Davies' life but rather an examination of the exquisite and often painful moments of a life, the moments we look back on and say, That one, that one mattered. Straddling the fence between humor and, well...not humor, Davies has written a book about what it's like to try to carve a place for oneself in the world, no matter how unyielding the rock can be.

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Molly Stroud-Smith says

The first story in this collection was so good I was stoked for the rest of the book. Sadly, it disappointed. The title story was also good - harrowing and unimaginable and hard to look away from. I read a few of the others but decided not to proceed as they weren't holding my interest.

Kim Gausepohl says

Title essay is brutally honest.

Meghan says

I found the selection of essays rather hit or miss. Some were quite engaging and created a theme for the collection while others didn't seem to have a focus. I actually skipped reading most of the one about men the author would want to sleep with because, although it can be an entertaining topic amongst soused friends, to read the list of a stranger was just plain boring- especially as it was very overlong.

Were the author to put out a more cohesive collection I would be willing to read it, but I can't say I'd recommend this particular collection, unless it was the only reading material at hand.

Melanie Mahonen says

Fragments of this book gripped me and the rest not so much. I guess I just didn't really relate to the narrator and had to give up on pg 173...

Jessica says

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\*\*Please note that this is not a review of the whole memoir, just the sample that Flatiron Books released.\*\*

Flatiron Books advertised on their Facebook page about the Mothers of Sparta sampler: A Piece of Pie just in time for Thanksgiving. This sampler of Dawn Davies' upcoming memoir was published on November 21st and is 18 pages long. This is the perfect time for this sampler to be release as it deals with a new mother dealing with her infant's first Thanksgiving and the chaos that ensues. All she wants to do is bake a pie!

Davies perfectly captured her experience and the story gives people who are not parents an idea of the craziness that new moms go through. I'm sure the parents that read this will laugh and understand where

Davies comes from. Flatiron Books accomplished their intention of offering this sample for free: I want to read the rest of this memoir!

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