

Mother Knows Best: Talking Back to the "Experts"

edited by Jessica Nathanson and Laura Camille Tuley



"*Mother Knows Best* presents a sustained critique of the leading mothering advice literature of the past decade or so. With a cutting-edge approach and a frank, "talking back" tone, the authors make a significant contribution to the current literature on mothering."

- Lauri Umansky, Professor, History Department; Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Suffolk University

"*Mother Knows Best* trumpets the voices of mothers: their experiences, their knowledge, and their authority. A mix of powerful analyses of the advice of parenting "experts" and potent personal reflections about mothering in the 20th and 21st centuries, these essays make an important contribution to the study of motherhood and should be read by all those interested in what it means to mother—feminist scholars, professors, writers, and mothers themselves.

- Heather Hewett, Assistant Professor, English and Women's Studies; Coordinator, Women's Studies Program, State University of New York at New Paltz

"The rich blend of personal and theoretical voices in this most needed addition to the growing field of critical discourse on motherhood reveals the necessity for reflective understanding and critical thought concerning the role of experts in motherhood, while celebrating the resolute agency of mothers who trouble and defy the ideology/ideal of the "good" mother."

- Fiona J. Green, Chair, Women's and Gender Studies Department, University of Winnipeg

Jessica Nathanson received her Ph.D. in American Studies from SUNY at Buffalo and is Assistant Professor of Women's Studies and Director of the Women's Resource Center at Augsburg College in Minneapolis. Her research interests include hybrid identities, reproductive rights, and feminist pedagogy; and she is the mother of a six-year-old son. **Laura Camille Tuley** is an Instructor in English and Women's Studies at the University of New Orleans and a graduate student in Counseling at Loyola University. She has written on the theme of feminine embodiment in the work of Luce Irigaray and has published on feminist theory, art and culture. Laura writes a regular column on mothering in *Mamazine*.

February 2009
 223 pages \$34.95
 ISBN 978-1-55014-487-1

ORDER FORM

Regular/Bulk Orders:

c/o Demeter Press
 140 Holland St. West, PO 13022, Bradford ON L3Z 2Y5
 T- 905.775.9089
 info@demeterpress.org
 www.demeterpress.org

Single Orders: Your local bookstore or www.demeterpress.org

Examination Copy Requests: info@demeterpress.org

Nathanson & Tuley, eds., *Mother Knows Best*
 _____ @ pb \$34.95 _____

Tax (5% GST for Canadian Orders) _____

Postage and Handling (see below) _____

Total (all orders must be prepaid) _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Prov/State _____ Postal Code/Zip _____

Country _____ Phone _____ Email _____

***Single Orders: Please make cheques/money orders payable to "DEMETER PRESS."**

Postage and Handling for Single Orders: for Canadian shipments, please add \$8.00 for one book and \$4.00 for each additional book in an order; for U.S.A. shipments, please add \$10.00 for one book, and \$4.00 for each additional book in an order. *Overseas orders add \$15.00 for one book, and \$4.00 for each additional book.

www.demeterpress.org

**For bulk/wholesale orders please contact: Brunswick Books T- 416.703.3598 F- 416.703.6561
orders@brunswickbooks.ca