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"In this memoir of love and loss, Lisa Manterfield dares to reveal the depths of her desperation, and in so doing, dares to reveal the depths of her heart."

~ Jennie Nash, *author of The Victoria's Secret Catalog Never Stops Coming and Other Lessons I Learned From Breast Cancer*

"I'm Taking My Eggs And Going Home is a wonderful book, full of heart and hope. As funny as it is moving. I couldn't put it down."

~ Carrie Friedman, *author of Pregnant Pause: My Journey Through Obnoxious Questions, Baby Lust, Meddling Relatives, and Pre-Partum Depression*

"Lisa tackles a taboo subject with candor and aplomb. Her voice is a welcome sanity check for women left to wonder how society became so fixated on motherhood."

~ Pamela Mahoney Tsigdinos, *author of Silent Sorority: A (Barren) Woman Gets Busy, Angry, Lost and Found*

"A raw, transparent account of the gut-wrenching journey of infertility. Lisa writes with poetic, reckless abandon. Anyone who has ever suffered through infertility will thank her for pouring on the page the painful process of coming to terms with never being a mom. A true sister in the journey of infertility!"

~ Stephanie Baffone, *LPCMH, NCC licensed and board certified mental health therapist*

"The book was so much more than an infertility story. It was an account of real life and the barrage of situations women face in adulthood. I hope many women will read this and feel comforted, whether they have faced infertility or not."

~ Lily Hay, *author of The Infertile Mind*

"Be ready for boldness. This writer doesn't do sugarcoating. Hip Hip Hooray to her for telling it like it is, and also for seeing this very important story through to a book."

~ Sonja Lewis, *author of The Barrenness*

About the Author

Lisa Manterfield is the creator of LifeWithoutBaby.com, the online community that gives a voice to women without children. Her writing has been featured in a broad range of publications, including *Huffington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, and *Psychology Today*. She has also taken her work to the stage at venues such as Spark Off Rose and Expressing Motherhood. Lisa is the author of the award-winning memoir *I'm Taking My Eggs and Going Home: How One Woman Dared to Say No to Motherhood* and the novel *A Strange Companion*. She lives in Southern California with her wonderful husband ("Mr. Fab") and overindulged cat.

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