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God's love, plans, and promises for you are forever unfolding.

I get it, Momma. I totally get it.

Every day you wake up and try your very best. You love, give, and pour out your life for the ones who call you Momma. But no matter how much you offer, there are still days you feel as though you come up short. You worry, *Am I loving these babies enough? Is this ever going to get easier? Why does it seem like I am the only one who cannot balance it all?*

Sometimes, we just need hope (and maybe a long uninterrupted nap).

We need someone to help tune our hearts to the voice of the Father and to remind us that He has not forgotten about us.

In *Hope Unfolding*, Becky Thompson is a friend who reminds you that you aren't alone, and that God is still writing your story. She guides you to encounter the Truth of God's presence that not only fuels you with strength, but also a fresh confidence. And beyond gaining faith that tomorrow could be different, you find hope and purpose where you are standing today.

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Angela says

I would give closer to 3 1/2 stars if I could. One of the flaws of Goodreads! This book reads very much like Becky's popular blog. She addresses her readers as friends (a lot!) as she recounts various moments in her mom life, from waiting for kids to miscarriage, new mom struggles and sleep deprived nights. She offers biblical examples and stories that have helped her and encourages mommas to keep it up. You're doing fine. I found her writing easy to read, the stories relatable. It bothers me a little when people write like they are having a conversation, like telling us she's stopped writing to just look at the mess around her and winner if she can write about hope. My time is limited. Reading things like that aren't helpful, they are distracting. I found myself skimming at times to get back to the story. I was a little disappointed that the Bible verses she uses in the chapter don't have the reference listed right there. Instead there's a notes page at the end of the book that lists the verses she quoted. I don't think it would have been that difficult to just include them in the text.

Also don't confuse this with a devotional for moms. It's not. It's one mom offering encouragement and a prayer to other moms. I don't agree with the way she phrased becoming a Christian at the end. She says "if you prayed this prayer". I'm all about people coming to a saving knowledge of Christ but it's not based on what we pray. It's what we believe, who we are trusting. If we put our faith in Jesus to save us from our sins, he doesn't require a certain prayer or combination of words. I was slightly put off with that.

With that said, I'll pass my copy onto other friends who could use a boost. Because sometimes a mom just needs to know she isn't the only one who's felt like this.

S.K. says

Spoke to my heart... truly LOVED this book and think you just NEED it in your life if you're ever overwhelmed by feelings of inadequacy in motherhood. <3

Whitney Werling says

This book has been on my shelf for a while and I've just kept skipping over it. Oh, how I regret that! I could have benefited from reading awhile ago, but so glad I finally picked it up. The author just had an honest way of relating to each chapter and I just felt myself in each area. I loved the stories mixed with God's word. It was very easy to understand, yet challenged me on many levels. I believe this author has another book available and I hope to get my hands on it soon. As a side note, the cover of this book is beautiful!

* I received this book from the author/publisher in exchange for an honest review *

Lacey says

I really enjoyed the second half, which was a quick read.

Sydney Drinkwater says

Truth: This very moment, as I type these words, I can smell the baby's spit up on my shoulder and I'm overwhelmed with the mess around me. I know that I need to do another load of laundry and there are dishes in the sink and I still don't have plans for dinner. Oops, I just remembered we're going to someone's house for dinner in a few hours — I'm scatterbrained and forgetful! Yesterday, I threw a sweater on over the shirt I had slept in because people were coming over. It wasn't till the afternoon (and in another state!) when I was headed to a meeting that I ever remembered to think about my general appearance.

It can be so easy to think I'm the only one with a crazy motherhood that never feels put together. Against all obvious logic, I can feel like I'm the only one who's ever had two babies less than two years apart and self-pity creeps in on the hard days. Well, though it's just a light, little paperback, Becky Thompson's words in *Hope Unfolding* breathed a peaceful reassurance into my life.

I don't expect this to be one I crave to read again at a later date, like some books, but I definitely recommend it to mamas around the world who don't even know they need encouragement. It's packed with so many of her personal stories that surely resonate with all mothers on some level. I don't often laugh aloud while reading, but Becky had me doing that a few times! Not to mention, some of her stories hit so close to home I wanted to cry in empathy for her!

My least favorite part of the book was her excessive use of the word, "friend." Now I know she started out as a blogger and when you're trying to connect to your readers, that's a very common thing to do. But it wasn't a blog post – or multiple posts – but rather one book. I can only be called "friend" so many times on one page that I start missing the beautiful nuggets in between. But, in all honesty, I was able to get over that and enjoy the book! (I gave it 5 stars on here, if that tells you anything.)

Time and time again, the author brings us back to God's grace and Jesus's love. Both for us. Both never-ending. She refers to Scripture often (which I like) and, with a pure voice, reminds us of so many promises God has for us. It truly "unfolded" some of the layers of my life and reminded me of Hope.

You can follow her blog at beckythompson.com and also, watch out — her next book comes out in January 2017!

Laurie says

My pen got a huge workout underlining all of the powerful truths in this book. It is straightforward, conversational, and packed with stories from the author's own experience backed by scriptures that will help mamas remember their importance -- and remind them that they're not alone in their hard and holy work. I can't wait for this book to get in the hands and hearts of my mama friends!

Becky says

I really liked this book! As a new mom the balance and struggle of parenthood and faith (feeling confident,

wondering what to do, are you enough, etc.) happens daily and she touched on so many circumstances I could relate to.

There were a couple times I wish she would have gone a little more in-depth but this was so much of what I needed to read right now - definitely recommend!

Karen says

An encouraging read sure to touch the hearts of many mommies. *I received a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review. *

chellaine says

I loved this book! I definitely? recommend this to Christian Mommas. I love Becky's blog and was excited to read my first book by her. It was perfect to listen to the audio during nap time while I did chores. Becky really speaks to the Mommys heart. This book made me cry, laugh and think. I love how she makes you feel as if you are with a friend.

Brittany says

This book was exactly what I needed. It refreshed my heart. So glad I picked it up!

Jean Ann says

This book should be read by all moms! We all need grace.

Melissa says

If you are a mother of young children... READ THIS BOOK! I feel like she wrote this book with me in mind.

Janel Eure says

What a beautiful, funny, inspiring book! I loved every second of this I only wish it had been longer! To all the mommas out there worn out and questioning themselves this is a must read!

Amanda T says

I am the proud mommy of three beautiful boys ages 5 to six months. My youngest was just a few months old when I somehow came across Becky Thompson's book *Hope Unfolding*. I think it was Facebook or an ad from a publisher? Anyhow, I was struggling. I am a stay at home mom, which I love, but it can be tough sometimes. Baby number three was a surprise - we were about to call it quits and be happy with two kiddos when God had other plans. I called him Baby Joy before I knew who he was and that is exactly his personality. The most joyful baby I've ever met. But I was still struggling with two rambunctious boys and a new baby and basically I needed a reminder of Hope. Let me just say that I recommend this book for any mommas out there who are just struggling or need a pick-me-up. Big or little. And at some point we all do. We all do.

I read this book in the mornings while eating breakfast and drinking my coffee. It was like sitting down for a chat with a fellow mom who's been there and gets it. Since then, I've started following Becky Thompson's Facebook page and seriously, you can't help but loving her. She often has Live posts and recently has been posting Live sessions going through her book. I'm excited about her recent news that she's coming out with a book called *Love Unending*, a twenty-one day journey to help focus on your marriage during this hard time of raising little ones. I will be buying that one.

But going back to *Hope Unfolding*, this book is an example of what I call "cheaper than therapy." Ha! I don't think I learned anything spectacularly new but I definitely needed to start my day in a frame of mind that it's ok momma, I am enough for these boys. I will have ups and downs but God made me their momma and I don't have to prove myself to God or these little ones. Just like they will never have to earn their love from me or God. So I'm going to put down my to-do list, put down my phone, and allow myself to just be.

Reviewed on my blog [A Library of My Own](#)

Beverly says

I am so glad I found this book. As a young mother, I am always looking to learn more and seek out how God can help me to be a better mom. Reading through this book, Becky really shares her heart and is transparent about her own experiences and failures. It is such a relief to be reminded and shown that I am not alone in my struggles. She truly shows hope from Christ through her writing. She reminds us that God hasn't forgotten about us even when we feel alone. Also, she tell us that God gives us grace and we need to give ourselves grace, knowing that we can't do it all in our own strength. She encourages us Moms that we are good Moms! We don't have to always have it all together or right, but live in the grace and forgiveness of God. "I am a Good Mom!"
