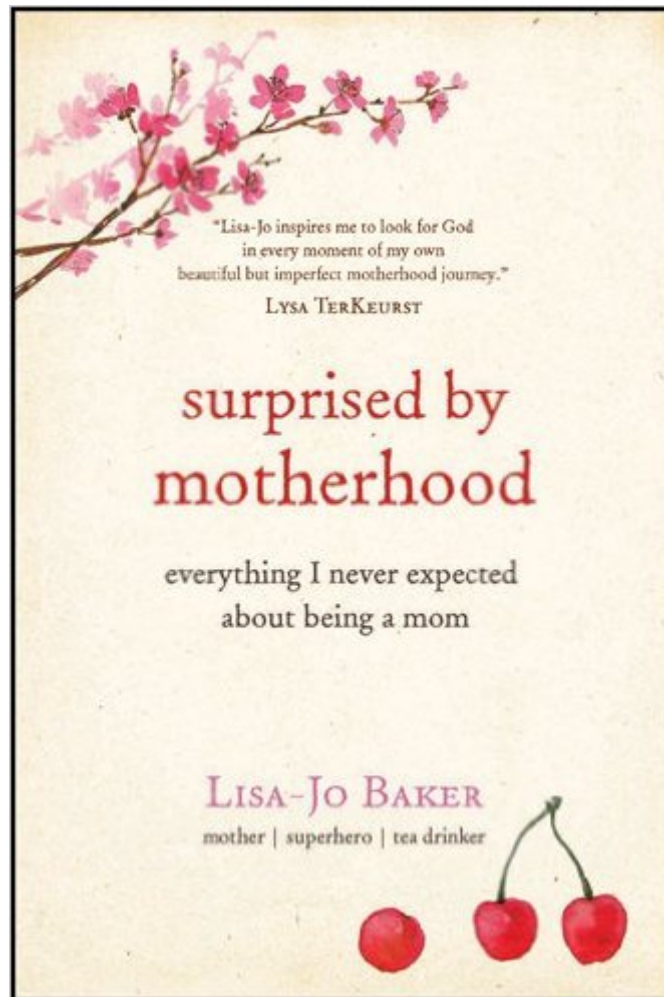


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# Surprised By Motherhood: Everything I Never Expected About Being A Mom



## Synopsis

A lawyer with a well-stamped passport and a passion for human rights, Lisa-Jo Baker never wanted to be a mom. And then she had kids. Having lost her own mother to cancer as a teenager, Lisa-Jo felt lost on her journey to womanhood and wholly unprepared to raise children. Surprised by Motherhood is Lisa-Jo's story of becoming and being a mom, and in the process, discovering that all the "what to expect" and "how to" books in the world can never truly prepare you for the sheer exhilaration, joy, and terrifying love that accompanies motherhood. Set partly in South Africa and partly in the US (with a slight detour to Ukraine along the way), Surprised by Motherhood is a poignant memoir of one woman's dawning realization that being a mom isn't about being perfect—it's about being present.

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Several years ago when I was eyeball deep in the exhausting and challenging season of mothering four young children/babies, I discovered Lisa Jo's blog The Gypsy Mama. I connected with her words in such a visceral way. She had me crying over my computer as she voiced everything I was feeling, yet she also offered so much hope and encouragement. So when her book was offered to me for review, I jumped at the chance. Surprised by Motherhood is a beautifully written and poignantly reflective mixture of memoirs from Lisa-Jo's childhood, early marriage, and journey into motherhood. She is transparent and real about the struggles she has had, and she writes authentic vignettes that illustrate the ways God has shown Himself faithful to her in the many different

seasons of her life. This book is less about her becoming the perfect mom, and more about her gradually seeing and understanding God's heart through motherhood."I discovered at the heart of my misery was a misunderstanding about faith. I had confused faith in God with faith in what God could do for me. He led me out of my heartache and into a season of redemption and beauty. All without changing His answer. Instead, He changed me."I think that this book will resonate differently for everyone, especially depending upon your expectations. If you're looking for a "how to" guide or yet another parenting book that will give you specific strategies, that's not what this book is about. This is, plain and simply, Lisa-Jo's story. It's her testimony. There were parts that brought me to tears and really touched my heart. I loved hearing about her time serving as an advocate for victims of human trafficking in Ukraine.

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