

MOM MUST-READ

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book-club inspiration



What is it like to be the daughter of a hoarder? How do you come out from under your mother's layers of stuff? And what happens when you have a family of your own? Judy Batalion explores these questions in *White Walls: A Memoir About Motherhood, Daughterhood, and the Mess In Between*. Batalion emerges from a working-class Jewish family to find success in college and a career as a museum curator. She just has to move from her hometown of Montreal to London to do it. But as far as she travels, her problems are never far enough away. Batalion and her mom struggle with their heartbreaking relationship. But Batalion is determined to keep her own walls white and her life guarded—even after she meets her husband, whose mother is also a hoarder. What unfolds is a coming-of-age story with many messy details.



PULSE

Moms' Musical Parodies

These rock-star parents managed to create totally remakes of your favorite pop songs. No part of it is "cool moms," or even E!mo—is safe from their witty Get out the karaoke machine and let loose to the



What's Up Moms

"Blank Space"
Sung to the tune of Taylor Swift's "Blank Space"

"Cause we're old and we're tired
(ooohhh)
How about we watch TV?
It'll keep you busy, or give you ADHD...
Gotta have my Starbucks latte, or
else I'll go insane
You've got a blank space, baby.
Please write my name."



MyLifeSuckers

"Suburban Funk"
Sung to the tune of Mark Ronson ft. Bruno Mars's "Uptown Funk"

"Break it down...
Girl Scouts selling cookies (wool!)
Boys gettin' all sticky (wool!)
Moms on the committee (wool!)
Suburban funk gonna get to ya
Suburban funk gonna get to ya
Suburban funk gonna get to ya
Saturday night and I'm folding
laundry, don't believe me?
Just watch!"



The Girls Who
"I'm Not Fancy"
Sung to the tune of Charli XCX's

"I'm not fancy
I'm stuck in
along to E!
I've got fancy
than gold
I've got fancy
on the st

dad allegedly robbed a bank to pay for his 1-year-old daughter's chemotherapy