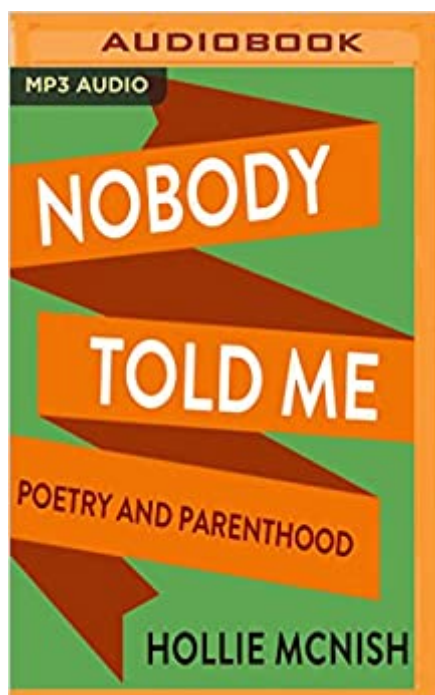


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# Nobody Told Me: Poetry And Parenthood



## Synopsis

There were many things that Hollie McNish didn't know before she was pregnant. How her family and friends would react; that Mr Whippy would be off the menu; how quickly ice can melt on a stomach. These were on top of the many other things she didn't know about babies: how to stand while holding one; how to do a poetry gig with your baby as a member of the audience; how drum'n'bass can make a great lullaby. And that's before you even start on toddlers: how to answer a question like 'is the world a jigsaw?'; dealing with a 10-hour train ride together; and how children can be caregivers, too. But Hollie learned. And she's still learning, slowly. *Nobody Told Me* is a collection of poems and stories taken from Hollie's diaries - one person's thoughts on raising a child in modern Britain, on trying to become a parent in modern Britain, on sex, commercialism, feeding, gender and finding secret places to scream once in a while.

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I have never read anything so relatable in my entire life. This book had me in tears, sometimes because it was just so beautiful and sad, sometimes because it was just so hilarious. Hollie was somehow able to capture all the raw emotions that comes along with being a new parent, especially the bits that no one talks about (self-doubt, guilt, body autonomy etc) and make it universally entertaining, but in a really beautiful and poignant way. I read it in 2 days because I just couldn't put it down. I haven't stopped thinking about it and have re-read some of my favourite poems. I literally can not recommend this book enough, and I'm sure some of my fb friends probably wish I would. Do yourself a favour and buy this book. You won't be disappointed.

Hollie is a marvellous poet and has given the genre a new voice. This collection is a superb reflection on parenting that anyone with a child can relate to....anyone without a child will hopefully have their eyes opened in the best possible way. I love her way of thinking and her vision of the world, and deeply respect her recognition of the male influence in a child's life (us Dad's are often overlooked). Well done Hollie, you have shared your innermost feelings, frustrations and desires with us and in so doing written the best parenting manual I have come across. Good luck with your next project, I look forward to it.

Highly recommend Hollie's poetry and prose. Spot on, brilliant and beautiful. Her spoken word poetry blends perfectly with her writings on the parenting experience. Can't praise this enough.

LOVE this book! I received it as a gift and came on here today to purchase for a friend; was sad to see it's only available used/via third parties since it's one of my favorite books ever. Beautifully written. Honest. Relatable, tells so many truths about pregnancy and parenthood that I've rarely seen expressed (or expressed so poignantly). I also appreciate how short the entries are, which made it quick to read in the very short bursts I experienced as a new mother myself (5 minutes here, 5 minutes there). Fantastic book I won't ever let go of.

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