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Childbirth is a life-altering experience for any woman, but a Cesarean delivery can be overwhelming, whether it's unexpected or planned. Despite the fact that roughly one in four babies in the United States is delivered by c-section, very little information about the experience is included in typical pregnancy books and physicians and childbirth educators often gloss over the details. The Essential C-Section Guide is written not only for women to read in preparation for a scheduled c-section and for those considered "high risk" who know that a c-section may become necessary but also for women recovering from an unexpected surgical delivery. This book provides answers to important questions about what the surgery entails, what a woman can expect as she recovers, and what considerations should be made for future pregnancies and deliveries. With frank discussions about the physical and emotional aspects surrounding a c-section, the authors share comforting wisdom about early bonding, pain control, breastfeeding, infant care, healing from surgery, postpartum exercise, partner involvement, and much more, in detail not available anywhere else. Written by authors who have firsthand knowledge of birth by c-section, The Essential C-Section Guide is well-researched and addresses its unique concerns with intelligence and compassion.

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Tech investor and new mom Leslie Schrock offers a thoroughly modern guide to pregnancy—from the preparations of "trimester zero" to the challenges of the newborn months. In the last thirty years, the process of starting a family has drastically changed. Not only are there many more options for getting pregnant, but there are a dizzying array of variables from

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start to finish. Genetic test or no genetic test? Midwife or OB-GYN? Stroller or Baby Bjorn? Yet all this choice can also create anxiety, especially around the most difficult realities.

Miscarriages and fertility issues are common, yet often concealed. One in nine mothers report dealing with postpartum depression, but it is rarely acknowledged and even more rarely treated. Celebrities post “snap-back” photos of their slim post-baby bodies, creating unrealistic expectations for women everywhere. We have more information than ever, yet nearly every aspect of motherhood is still shrouded in judgment and mystery . Enter Leslie Schrock, first-time mother whose own struggles opened her eyes to this widespread problem. With the frank, funny warmth of a trusted friend, she delves into everything from in vitro fertilization and prenatal testing to lactation consultants and postpartum birth control. She debunks the most pervasive pregnancy myths, explores the complementary practices, and cites the latest science (with a dash of been-there-done-that experience) to help you make the best decisions every step of the way—for both you and your baby. So tune out all of the noise you don’t need, and take control of your pregnancy—present or future.

A new guide to overcoming back pain emphasizes the latest in scientific and medical research into the psychological and physiological factors underlying most back discomfort as it presents a safe, effective, and easy-to-follow self-treatment program to end the back-pain cycle. Reprint. The Bradley Method(R) Student Workbook requires a 12 week course to get the information needed to fill in this workbook.

The national C-section rate is at an all-time high of 31 percent. Are all these C-sections necessary, or are some of them done simply for the sake of convenience? Inductions seem to be the norm, but are they always needed? Today, expectant mothers are often left feeling

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powerless, as their instincts are replaced by drugs and routine medical procedures. What you are about to discover is that you have a choice, and you have the power to plan the kind of birth that's right for you-whether it is at a birth center, a hospital, or at home. In **YOUR BEST BIRTH**, internationally known advocates of informed choice Ricki Lake and Abby Epstein inspire women to take back the birth experience, with essential advice on: · Positive and negative effects of epidurals, Pitocin, and other drugs and interventions · Inducing vs. allowing your labor to progress naturally · The truth behind our country's staggering C-section rate · Assembling your birth team and creating your birth plan. With chapters such as "Obstetricians: Finding Dr. Right," "Epidurals: You Haven't Got Time for the Pain," and "Electronic Monitors: Reading between the Lines," Lake and Epstein will encourage you to consider whatever your doctor, mother, and best friend may suggest in a new light. The book also includes inspiring birth stories, including those from well-known personalities, such as Laila Ali and Cindy Crawford. Packed with crucial advice from childbirth professionals, and delivered in a down-to-earth, engaging voice, **YOUR BEST BIRTH** is sure to renew your confidence and put the control back where it belongs: with parents-to-be! "Abby Epstein and Ricki Lake have taken a wonderful and constructive approach to ensuring an optimal birthing experience. Their language creates a 'climate of confidence' for pregnant women and their families, who must make key decisions about where, how and with whom to give birth in a health care system often unresponsive to our needs. This book is like a good friend giving wise counsel." --Judy Norsigian, co-editor of *Our Bodies, Ourselves: Pregnancy and Birth* and Executive Director, *Our Bodies Ourselves*

When we eat may be as important as what we eat. Like most people, you probably wake up,

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get hungry for meals and doze off in bed around the same time every day. If you've ever experienced jet lag or pulled an all-nighter, you know that this schedule can easily be thrown off kilter. But for some people, that imbalance--difficulty sleeping at night, hunger at odd times, or sudden fatigue at noon--is a constant. If you're one of those people, Dr. Satchin Panda, one of the leading researchers on circadian rhythms, has a plan to reset your body clock. Beginning with an in-depth explanation of the circadian clock--why it's important, how it works, and how to know it isn't working--The Circadian Code outlines lifestyle changes to make to get back on track. It's a concrete plan to enhance weight loss, improve sleep, optimize exercise, and manage technology so that it doesn't interfere with your body's natural rhythm. Dr. Panda's life changing methods show you how to prevent and reverse ailments like diabetes, cancer, and dementia, as well as microbiome conditions like acid reflux, heartburn, and irritable bowel disease.

"Giving birth is the pivotal moment of a woman's life but it is often treated as a medical procedure, and not as a rite of passage. Birthing from Within offers parents engaging and memorable ways for pregnant women, and their partners, to activate personal, social and spiritual resources that will guide them through labour and afterwards. Many birth classes teach from the 'outside', from the perspective of the professional. Yet, knowledge of anatomy and the stages of labour can often seem irrelevant in the intensity of contraction. The pregnant woman needs to know about labour and birth from her own perspective, she needs to be prepared for birthing from within. Pam England offers a method that allows a woman to fully understand her own strengths and resources. The self-discoveries made during pregnancy makes birth life-enhancing and empowers the future of the family. It is a multi-sensory and

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holistic approach that aims to make parents feel positively informed about what they are about to experience, confident about the birth of their child. Pain is an inevitable part of childbirth but Birthing from Within provides resources for building pain-coping confidence in parents. It gives detailed instructions on dealing with normal labour pain and when the humane use of drugs may be called for."--Cover.

This enhanced ebook edition of the bestselling fitness program includes over 80 videos of Jillian demonstrating the exercises in that will help you shed the pounds and get the body of your life. You've seen her change lives—why not yours? Are you in good shape but struggling with those last ten to twenty pounds? Do you have an event on the calendar where you'd love to make jaws drop? Or do you just want to see what it would be like to have the best body you've ever had? Then you need to discover what millions who've used Jillian's training methods already know! Making the Cut empowers you to:

- Identify your unique body type and metabolic makeup (are you a fast, slow, or balanced oxidizer?) and customize a diet plan that is perfect for you
- Acquire the mental techniques that will greatly enhance your self-confidence and sharpen your focus on success
- Develop your strength, flexibility, coordination, and endurance
- Reach levels of fitness you never before thought possible

Takes the pregnant woman through the techniques and philosophy of a new form of gentle birthing. This work draws on self-hypnosis, guided imagery and special breathing techniques the hypnobirthing method can bring about an easier birth, free of the drugs that can harm the mother and the baby.

Based on the hit documentary that inspired a vibrant online community, this innovative

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approach to birthing shows women how to maximize childbirth's emotional and physical rewards. With more than 4 million babies born in the United States each year, too many women experience birth as nothing more than a routine or painful event. In her much-praised film *Orgasmic Birth*, acclaimed filmmaker Debra Pascali-Bonaro showed that in fact childbirth is a natural process to be enjoyed and cherished. Now she joins forces with renowned author and activist Elizabeth Davis to offer an enlightening program to help women attain the most empowering and satisfying birth experience possible. While an orgasmic birth can, for some, induce feelings of intense, ecstatic pleasure, it is ultimately about taking control of one's own body and making the most informed decisions to have a safe, memorable, and joyful birth day. Whether women choose to give birth at home, in a hospital, or in a birthing center, *Orgasmic Birth* provides all the necessary tools and guidance to design the birth plan that's best for them. Featuring inspiring stories from mothers and their partners and filled with practical advice and solutions, this one-of-a-kind resource is the next frontier of natural, intimate childbirth. A guide to help support women through post-partum healing on the physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual levels. This holistic guide offers practical advice to support women through postpartum healing on the physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual levels—and provides women with a roadmap to this very important transition that can last from a few months to a few years. Kimberly Ann Johnson draws from her vast professional experience as a doula, postpartum consultant, yoga teacher, body worker,

and women's health care advocate, and from the healing traditions of Ayurveda, traditional Chinese medicine, and herbalism—as well as her own personal experience—to cover

- how you can prepare your body for birth;
- how you can organize yourself and your household for the best possible transition to motherhood;
- simple practices and home remedies to facilitate healing and restore energy;
- how to strengthen relationships and aid the return to sex;
- learning to exercise safely postpartum;
- carrying your baby with comfort;
- exploring the complex and often conflicting emotions that arise postpartum;
- and much more.

A candid, feminist, and personal deep dive into the science and culture of pregnancy and motherhood Like most first-time mothers, Angela Garbes was filled with questions when she became pregnant. What exactly is a placenta and how does it function? How does a body go into labor? Why is breast best? Is wine totally off-limits? But as she soon discovered, it's not easy to find satisfying answers. Your obstetrician will cautiously quote statistics; online sources will scare you with conflicting and often inaccurate data; and even the most trusted books will offer information with a heavy dose of judgment. To educate herself, the food and culture writer embarked on an intensive journey of exploration, diving into the scientific mysteries and cultural attitudes that surround motherhood to find answers to questions that had only previously been given in the form of advice about what women ought to do—rather than allowing them the freedom to choose the right path for themselves. In *Like a Mother*, Garbes offers a

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rigorously researched and compelling look at the physiology, biology, and psychology of pregnancy and motherhood, informed by in-depth reportage and personal experience. With the curiosity of a journalist, the perspective of a feminist, and the intimacy and urgency of a mother, she explores the emerging science behind the pressing questions women have about everything from miscarriage to complicated labors to postpartum changes. The result is a visceral, full-frontal look at what's really happening during those nine life-altering months, and why women deserve access to better care, support, and information. Infused with humor and born out of awe, appreciation, and understanding of the female body and its strength, *Like a Mother* debunks common myths and dated assumptions, offering guidance and camaraderie to women navigating one of the biggest and most profound changes in their lives. Provides anecdotal information on the various aspects of pregnancy, childbirth, and preparing for and having a baby.

A distinguished physician provides a comprehensive, easy-to-use medical reference that explains a range of symptoms, how to interpret the body's warning signs, when to seek medical treatment, and a variety of preventive steps for reducing health risks.

Reprint. PW.

Drawing on the latest research, an updated guide discusses the ethics of gender selection, explains how conception takes place, and tells how to use effective techniques to increase the chances of having a girl or a boy. Original. 12,500 first

printing.

THE BIBLE FOR EVERY COUPLE PREPARING FOR THE BIRTH OF A BABY When it was first introduced more than thirty years ago, the Lamaze method was a revolutionary childbirth technique. Since that time, it has made pregnancy and childbirth easier for millions of women, lessening their dependence on pain medications before and after birth. Elisabeth Bing's classic book on the Lamaze method guides women through the physical and psychological challenges of pregnancy. *Six Practical Lessons for an Easier Childbirth* details the changes a woman can expect in her body during pregnancy, labor, and delivery and provides a complete program of exercises for increased muscular control and relaxation during childbirth. This guidebook also emphasizes the partner's supportive role in the Lamaze method, both in preparation and in the delivery room. This newly revised edition includes an expanded program with new photographs of exercises for every pregnant woman. Elisabeth Bing also provides more information on what to expect in the hospital, including updated information on cesarean births and the medications commonly prescribed during delivery. Filled with vital information and reassurance, *Six Practical Lessons for an Easier Childbirth* will make expectant couples better prepared than ever for this joyous, rewarding experience.

For a Safe and Healthy Birth... Your Way! *Giving Birth with Confidence* will help take the mystery out of having a baby and help you better understand how your body works

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during pregnancy and childbirth, giving you the confidence to make decisions that best ensure the safety and health of you and your baby. Giving Birth with Confidence is the first and only pregnancy and childbirth guide written by Lamaze International, the leading childbirth education organization in North America. Written with a respectful, positive tone, this book presents:

- Information to help you choose your maternity care provider and place of birth
- Practical strategies to help you work effectively with your care provider
- Information on how pregnancy and birth progress naturally
- Steps you can take to alleviate fear and manage pain during labor
- The best available medical evidence to help you make informed decisions

Previously titled *The Official Lamaze Guide*, this 3rd edition has updated information on:

- How vaginal birth, keeping mother and baby together, and breastfeeding help to build the baby's microbiome.
- How hormones naturally start and regulate labor and release endorphins to help alleviate pain.
- Maternity-care practices that can disrupt the body's normal functioning.
- The latest recommendations on lifestyle issues like alcohol, vitamins, and caffeine.
- Room sharing and cosleeping: the controversy, recommendations, and safety guidelines.
- Out-of-hospital births are on the rise: New research and advice on planned home birth, including ACOG's revised guidelines, which support women's choices and promote seamless transfer to hospital, if needed.
- The importance of avoiding unnecessary caesareans for mother and child. Includes the new ACOG guidelines on inductions and active labor.
- The research in support of the Lamaze International's "Six Healthy Birth

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Practices,” which are:

- Let labor begin on its own.
- Walk, move around, and change positions throughout labor.
- Bring a loved one, friend, or doula for continuous support.
- Avoid interventions that aren’t medically necessary.
- Avoid giving birth on your back and follow your body’s urges to push.
- Keep mother and baby together—it’s best for mother, baby, and breastfeeding.

A revised and updated guide to the Bradley Method of natural childbirth utilizes the teamwork approach to help fathers work with mothers to provide a joyful birthing experience that eliminates drugs, shortens labor, lessens complications, and promotes healthy newborns with a blend of prenatal exercise, nutrition, and psychological preparation. Original. 27,500 first printing.

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A former nurse chronicles her journey into midwifery, from her dissatisfaction with formulaic delivery room procedures in the 1960s to her eventual career as a "baby catcher," and chronicles her diverse birth experiences, the women she has encountered along the way, and role of midwifery in the United States. Reprint.

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An inclusive, non-judgmental, and empowering guide to pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum life that puts mothers first, offering straightforward guidance on all the options and issues that matter most to them (and their partners) when preparing for a baby. In *Birth Without Fear*, January Harshe--founder of the global online community Birth Without Fear--delivers an honest, positive, and passionate message of empowerment surrounding everything that involves having a baby. It's a guide that fills in the considerable cracks in the information available to women and families when they're preparing to welcome a child--covering care provider choices, medical freedom, birth options, breastfeeding, intimacy, postpartum depression, and much more. *Birth Without Fear* shows moms, dads, partners, and families how to choose the best provider for them, how to trust in themselves and the birth process, and how to seek the necessary help after the baby has arrived. In addition, it will educate them about their rights--and how to use their voice to exercise them--as well as how to cope with the messy postpartum feelings many people aren't willing to talk about. Unlike other pregnancy books, *Birth Without Fear* will also help partners understand what mothers are going through, as well as discuss the challenges that they, too, will face--and how they can navigate them. Shattering long-held myths and beliefs surrounding pregnancy, birth, and the postpartum experience, *Birth Without Fear* is an accessible, reassuring,

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and ultimately inspiring guide to taking charge of pregnancy, childbirth, and beyond. A manual on preparing your own children to be at a birth. Positive information on having children at a birth.

"Mama Natural's Week to Week Guide to Pregnancy is the modern (and yet ancient) approach to pregnancy and childbirth. "Natural" recognizes that pregnancy and birth are normal, and that having a baby is a wondrous biological process and rite of passage--not a medical condition. This book draws upon the latest research showing how beneficial and life-changing natural birth is for both babies and moms. Full of weekly advice and tips for a healthy pregnancy, Grace details vital nutrition to take, natural remedies for common and troublesome symptoms, as well as the appropriate (and inappropriate) use of interventions. Pregnancy, childbirth, health, health and wellness, parenting, family"--

Color photographs and computer imaging provide a portrait of the growth of a baby from conception to birth, tracing the development of individual body parts and systems and celebrating each milestone along the way.

In an age where birth has often been overtaken by obstetrics, Dr Dick-Read's philosophy is still as fresh and relevant as it was when he originally wrote this book. He unpicks every possible root cause of western woman's fear and anxiety in pregnancy, childbirth and breastfeeding and does so with overwhelming heart and empathy. Essential reading for all parents-to-be, childbirth educators, midwives and obstetricians!

Describes the stages of pregnancy and the birth process, revealing the teamwork of husbands

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and wives in natural childbirth

First published in 1963, this pioneering book has introduced thousands of couples to joyful childbirth through four editions and over three decades. Completely revised, it presents a sound, scriptural philosophy of God's goodness in birth.

Since the original publication of *The Birth Partner*, partners, friends, relatives, and doulas have relied on Penny Simkin's guidance in caring for the new mother, from her last trimester through the early postpartum period. Now fully revised in its fifth edition, *The Birth Partner* remains the definitive guide to helping a woman through labor and birth, and the essential manual to have at hand during the event. *The Birth Partner* includes thorough information on: Preparing for labor and knowing when it has begun Normal labor and how to help the woman every step of the way Epidurals and other medications for labor Pitocin and other means, including natural ones, to induce or speed up labor Non-drug techniques for easing labor pain Cesarean birth and complications that may require it Breastfeeding and newborn care and much more For the partner who wishes to be truly helpful in the birthing room, this book is indispensable.

The first 40 days after the birth of a child offer an essential and fleeting period of rest and recovery for the new mother. Based on author Heng Ou's own postpartum experience with *zuo yuezi*, a set period of "confinement," in which a woman remains at home focusing on healing and bonding with her baby, *The First Forty Days* revives the lost art of caring for the mother after birth. As modern mothers are pushed to prematurely "bounce back" after delivering their babies, and are often left alone to face the physical and emotional challenges of this new stage of their lives, the first forty days provide a lifeline—a source of connection, nourishment, and guidance. The book includes 60 simple recipes for healing soups;

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replenishing meals and snacks; and calming and lactation-boosting teas, all formulated to support the unique needs of the new mother. In addition to the recipes, this warm and encouraging guide offers advice on arranging a system of help during the postpartum period, navigating relationship challenges, and honoring the significance of pregnancy and birth. *The First Forty Days*, fully illustrated to feel both inspiring and soothing, is a practical guide and inspirational read for all new mothers and mothers-to-be—the perfect ally during the first weeks with a new baby.

A revised and updated edition of the classic handbook for women seeking a safe, organic, eco-friendly, and natural pregnancy, featuring an integrative-based approach with new medical, herbal, and nutritional information. Over the last two decades, *The Natural Pregnancy Book* has ushered thousands of women through happy and healthy pregnancies. Addressing women's health from conception to birth, Dr. Romm describes herbs that can promote and maintain a healthy pregnancy, and allays such familiar concerns as anxiety, fatigue, morning sickness, and stretch marks. She also discusses the components of a healthy diet, with an emphasis on natural foods. New to this edition is integrative health advice based on Dr. Romm's new credentials as a Yale-trained physician, combined with her twenty years of experience as a midwife and herbalist.

What you need to know to have the best birth experience for you. Drawing upon her thirty-plus years of experience, Ina May Gaskin, the nation's leading midwife, shares the benefits and joys of natural childbirth by showing women how to trust in the ancient wisdom of their bodies for a healthy and fulfilling birthing experience. Based on the female-centered Midwifery Model of Care, *Ina May's Guide to Natural Childbirth* gives expectant mothers comprehensive

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information on everything from the all-important mind-body connection to how to give birth without technological intervention. Filled with inspiring birth stories and practical advice, this invaluable resource includes:

- Reducing the pain of labor without drugs--and the miraculous roles touch and massage play
- What really happens during labor
- Orgasmic birth--making birth pleasurable
- Episiotomy--is it really necessary?
- Common methods of inducing labor--and which to avoid at all costs
- Tips for maximizing your chances of an unmedicated labor and birth
- How to avoid postpartum bleeding--and depression
- The risks of anesthesia and cesareans--what your doctor doesn't necessarily tell you
- The best ways to work with doctors and/or birth care providers
- How to create a safe, comfortable environment for birth in any setting, including a hospital
- And much more

Ina May's Guide to Natural Childbirth takes the fear out of childbirth by restoring women's faith in their own natural power to give birth with more ease, less pain, and less medical intervention.

These days, many mothers-to-be find themselves torn between the desire for a natural childbirth with minimal medical intervention and the peace of mind offered by instant access to life-saving technology that only a hospital can provide. In *Natural Hospital Birth*, doula Cynthia Gabriel asserts that there is no good reason that women in North America should not be able to have both. She shows expectant mothers what they can do to avoid unnecessary medical interventions and how to take initiative and consciously prepare for the kind of birth they want to have. Also included are inspiring stories from other women who know firsthand

that natural birth in the hospital is possible. With this book, mothers-to-be will be equipped with the knowledge they need to ensure a satisfying hospital birth that they will look back on with peace and joy.

Do You Want to Have the Best Birth Ever? It's a question that every mother-to-be must answer...whether she is a first time mother or has had previous births.

Within Natural Childbirth Exercises, you will learn how to prepare yourself physically, mentally and emotionally for the big event of birth. Author Rhondda Hartman is your guide and coach, an expert on Natural Childbirth exercises who has personally instructed over 14,000 mothers in having a natural and joyful birth. In this book you will learn: How it feels to be pregnant; How to use specific exercises to prepare your body for pregnancy and birth; How to become an expert in childbirth and pregnancy; How to accept the help of your own best ever coach; How to work with your body during birth; How to find the best support team and specialists; How to choose the best health care provider; How to have the best birth ever. Natural Childbirth Exercises is an informal and chatty discussion of how to give birth as nature intended and how to be comfortable during the pregnancy. It strongly recommends the need for the Bradley Method Classes and endorses the instruction that is given by the Teachers of the Bradley Method. This book will give the reader encouragement to believe that a Natural

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Birth is necessary and possible.

The most remarkable natural childbirth technique to have been developed in decades. Marie Mongan takes the pregnant woman through the techniques and philosophy of a new form of gentle birthing. Drawing on self-hypnosis, guided imagery and special breathing techniques the Hypnobirthing Method can bring about a shorter, easier, more enjoyable birth, free of the drugs that can harm the mother and the baby. It also allows the mother to fully control her own birthing experience as the mother remains awake, aware and alert.

Childbirth can be an empowering and positive experience that you treasure for the rest of your life. Hypnobirthing teaches simple and gentle techniques that have a profound effect.

The classic guide to an unmedicated childbirth, fully revised for the twenty-first century—with updated information and attractive new illustrations and photos throughout. For women birthing vaginally, 90% of Bradley births are drug-free! The Bradley Method®, used and praised by women for almost seventy years, prepares you for drug and surgery-free childbirth and puts you in control by providing the tools to navigate evidence-based care. Certified childbirth educator Susan McCutcheon, one of Dr. Bradley's first students, now makes this natural approach to childbirth more accessible than ever. You will learn: • Exercises and

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nutrition to get your body ready for birthing • To defuse fear by understanding all aspects of laboring • How to involve your partner as a birth coach and a fully engaged participant • What's driving the induction epidemic and how to avoid an unnecessary induction • What's driving the cesarean surgery epidemic and how to reduce your risk • How to get the information you need to make informed decisions about your birth "The Bradley Method's simple objective, through relaxation, breathing, and visualization, is a birth free of the interventions frequently offered to women in the different stages of childbirth: fetal monitors, drug-induced labor, anesthesia, episiotomy, and Caesarean section. (Its) other defining feature, the husband's active participation in the delivery, is critical to this overall goal of an intervention-free birth."—Mothering

A much-needed antidote to our modern, assembly-line approach to childbirth, this new book is designed as a guide for all who wish to participate in the wondrous process of bringing new life into the world. Its ideas derive from two sources: the ancient wisdom of Ayurveda, with its emphasis on body, mind, and spirit, and the latest Western scientific prenatal research. By integrating the best information from these two very different perspectives, this remarkable book gives readers the tools to ensure that our children are nourished by thoughts, words, and actions from the very moment of conception. *Magical Beginnings, Enchanted*

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Lives is rich in practical information, including strategies to help enliven the body intelligence of unborn babies by nourishing each of their five senses, as well as through Ayurvedically balanced nutrition and eating with awareness. Specific yoga poses and meditation techniques reduce the mother's stress and improve the infant's emotional environment, as do tips for conscious communication with a partner. Exercises prepare parents for the experience of childbirth itself, followed by natural approaches to dealing with the first weeks of parenting, from healing herbs to enhancing your milk supply to coping with postpartum depression. Inspiring, expansive, and remarkably informative, this unique book from acclaimed experts in mind-body medicine will profoundly enhance the experience of pregnancy and birth for both parents and baby.

A New York Times Bestseller The fully revised and updated edition to the national bestseller *Get Healthy Now!* includes new research and nutritional advice for treating allergies, Diabetes, PMS, Andropause, and everything in-between. From healthy skin and hair to foot and leg care, and featuring an up-to-date *Alternative Practitioners Guide*, *Get Healthy Now!* is your one-stop guide to becoming healthier from top to bottom, inside and out. Let "the new Mr. Natural" (*Time Magazine*) show you the best alternatives to drugs, surgical intervention, and other standard Western techniques. Drawing from methods that have been

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supported by thousands of years of use in other societies, as well as more recent discoveries in modern medicine, this comprehensive guide to healthy living offers a wide range of alternative approaches to help you stay healthy.

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