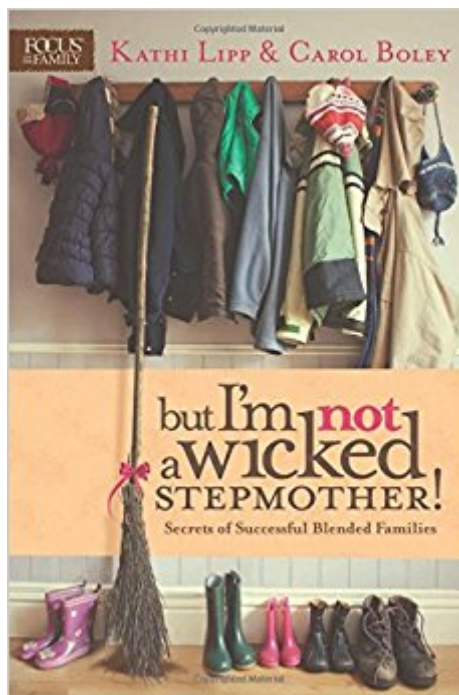




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# But I'm NOT A Wicked Stepmother!: Secrets Of Successful Blended Families



## Synopsis

Most little girls grow up dreaming of being a mom, but hardly any of them dream of becoming a stepmom. Nevertheless, approximately one million new stepfamilies are created every year. It's no secret, being a stepmother can be a living nightmare. But it can also be an enriching and rewarding experience—one that God can use to strengthen you, helping you survive and even thrive in the toughest job you never asked for. Written by two women who are stepmothers themselves—and know the difficulties of helping to raise someone else's children—this book is filled with down-to-earth insights and advice for stepmothers from stepmothers. It also offers expert guidance from pastors and counselors on such issues as roles, expectations, realistic goals, organization, finances, holidays, vacations, relationships with stepchildren, negotiation, forgiveness, healing the past, building a strong marriage with stepchildren on the scene, dealing with in-laws and ex-spouses, sexual tensions in stepfamilies, health, depression, stress, and much more. While there is no magic formula to guarantee stepmother success, encouragement and practical wisdom are available in this much-needed resource.

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Welcome to the club! The stepmom club, that is. But I'm NOT a Wicked Stepmother! is the go-to book for any woman who wants to succeed as a stepmother. Authors Kathi Lipp and Carol Boley, stepmoms themselves, offer straight talk to help women blend two families into a cohesive unit, while maintaining sanity in the process. With humor and a down-to-earth style, these authors share their own personal stories and those of other stepmoms and experts along the way. Every chapter

captures a realistic view of stepmotherhood and offers plenty of help and hope. Youâ€™ll learn from a wide range of topics how to: communicate clearly set up step-systems that work define your role in the family protect your marriage seek and accept forgiveness connect to Godâ€™s heart Written with understanding and tried-and-true advice from women whoâ€™ve been in the trenches, this book is an indispensable tool for those in transition.

I've read several books on step-parenting, blending families, and similar topics, but this is the BEST book yet. There were so many times in my head I was yelling, "Yes! That is me! That is us!" This book provides validation that what I am experiencing is normal, workable, and sometimes comical. I love the way the authors are 'real' in their anecdotes, expectations, and range of emotions, all while reminding the reader how to navigate this uncharted territory with the love, grace, and mercy of Christ. This book is comforting, encouraging, and empowering; go ahead and order it!

I love this book!!! They are so real about how difficult it can be as a step-mom. The realization that I'm not alone has been a true comfort. It helped me evaluate my perception of what my role as a step-mom looks like and change my mindset that has been holding me hostage with self-condemnation for not being what I thought a step-mom should be. Whew! What a relief! A huge weight has been lifted! I recommend this book for ALL step-moms, whether you're new to it, or have been on this road for a while.

This book gave me peace and helped me realize it's ok to think and feel a certain way and that I'm totally normal!

This book was a helpful and honest insight into blended families as I begin my journey into step parenting. I highly recommend it and will be looking for more books by this author.

I have been looking for a book like this for years. I am going to read it again. Very encouraging and practical. There have been so many times I have wanted to give up on being a stepmother. This book has helped me to persevere.

I only wish I had this book 34 years ago when I got married and 'inherited' 2 stepsons (14 going on 11 ). Yikes!!! survived, but scars will always be there. I read many insights that confirmed how I felt through many situations. It's so nice to know other stepmoms had the same experiences !! Thank

you Kathi & Carol !

Good Read!

This is a must read for bonus mamas!!!!!!There wasn't a part of this book that I felt alone.... By the end of the introduction I knew these women understood each obstacle I faced. The road is a lot clearer :)

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