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# Best Friends, Occasional Enemies: The Lighter Side Of Life As A Mother And Daughter



## Synopsis

From the New York Times bestselling writing team comes a hilarious new collection of essays that observe life from a mother/daughter perspective. New York Times bestselling author Lisa Scottoline and her daughter Francesca Serritella are the best of friends--99.9% of the time. They're number one on each other's speed dial and they tell each other everything--well, almost everything. They share shoes and clothes--except one very special green jacket, which almost caused a catfight. In other words, they're just like every mother and daughter in the world. Best friends, and occasional enemies. Now they're dishing about it all--their lives, their relationship, and their carb count. Inspired by their weekly column, "Chick Wit" for The Philadelphia Inquirer, this book is one you'll have to put down--just to stop laughing.

**Lisa on Being a Mom -** Motherhood has no expiration date. Francesca lives in the city, and I worry about her all the time. My daughter moved out, so why am I still lactating?

**Francesca on Being a Daughter -** My mother is always right. Just ask her.

**Lisa on Things Every Daughter Should Know -** Your mother is always thinking about you, but that's not creepy. Your mother will never forget who did you dirty in the sixth grade, for which you can thank her. And your mother will never stop asking you if you need to go to the bathroom, before you leave the house. Well, do you?

**Francesca on Closet Wars -** My mom is a great dresser. Mostly because she's wearing my clothes.

**Lisa on Aging Gracefully -** My sex drive is in reverse, I have more whiskers than my cat, and my estrogen replacement is tequila.

**Francesca on Apartment Living -** When I saw a mouse, the first person I called was Mom. She told me to call my super, but I felt bad bothering him. I hate to bother people. But I love to bother my mother.

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## Customer Reviews

Feels like one big gabfest with your best girlfriends, whatever their age. The tell-all twosome have yet again opened their hearts and homes, cooking up a huge helping of laughs, sprinkled with a few tears and a dash of motherly love--and it all goes down deliciously. (Booklist)[A] witty and sweet return to the ins and outs of life in this sometimes kooky, always smart and funny, family.

(Publishers Weekly)Black-and-white family photographs lend a homey feel to the experience, which culminates in a reminder to mothers and daughters that friendship between them can last a lifetime. A treat for fans of observational humor.

LISA SCOTTOLINE is the New York Times bestselling and Edgar-Award winning author of eighteen novels. She has 25 million copies of her books in print in the United States, and she has been published in twenty-five countries. She is currently serving as the President of the Mystery Writers of America. She lives in Philadelphia with an array of disobedient pets.FRANCESCA SCOTTOLINE SERRITELLA graduated cum laude from Harvard University, where she won the Thomas Temple Hoopes Prize, the Le Baron Russell Briggs Fiction Prize, and the Charles Edmund Horman Prize for her creative writing. She is working on a novel, and she lives in New York with only one dog, so far.

I own the previous two books of Lisa's "adventures", and now this one, and all have been delightful reads. If you are a fan of Lisa's Sunday newspaper column, you know what I mean. Lisa, and Francesca, write about the things that happen to most women but we are embarrassed or reluctant to talk about. Not so Lisa and daughter...and in doing so, they make us feel that they're okay and we're okay just as we are, flaws, mistakes and everything in between. The book also contains some poignant stories that will tug at your heartstrings because we can all relate, such as losing a beloved pet. No matter what your age, you will enjoy this book.

Lisa Scottoline shares the page with her daughter in this extremely funny observation of family life. She continues her narrative from previous similar works to describe the brutally honest efforts we all go through trying to make the unconditional-love-relationships endure, despite everyday roadblocks. I would always recommend Scottoline's novels, but this non fiction endeavor reveals how she hones her craft so well. Wish my daughter would read it; encourage all mothers and daughters to share with each other.

Lisa, Francesca, mother Mary, and the furry entourage post more glimpses and insights into daily

American family life. Brings smiles and acknowledging nods page after page.

I love the mother daughter series written by Lisa Scottoline and Francesca Serritella. It is an easy enjoyable read and makes you laugh out loud. They welcome you in as if you are sitting around the table telling stories with them. Highly recommend this entire series and Best Friends, Occasional Enemies did not disappoint! Makes you feel good reading it and find the humor in little things in life.

I enjoyed this book as well as the previous one she wrote. Its a compilation of nonfiction articles that she has written for a local newspaper. I am not a fiction reader, and I have never read one of her fiction novels (although I've heard they are very good and there is a huge fan-base), but I enjoyed these books. Funny, down-to-earth, you can relate to her trials and tribulations, especially if you are woman. Definitely recommend, you'll get a laugh!

I love the humor of L Scottoline in all her books and this copulation does not disappoint. I admit I enjoy her much more than her daughter's readings, maybe with age she will be as great as her Mom. Love her takes how women never throw away their bras lol and many more trials and tales of being a woman in this century.

I have read all of her non-fiction books to date and hope she writes many more! I will be gifting this book to my friend for her birthday along with others I have read. A must read - you will laugh and you will cry and it goes by so fast you won't want to see it end!Carol Parnell

never disappointed with this author!!

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