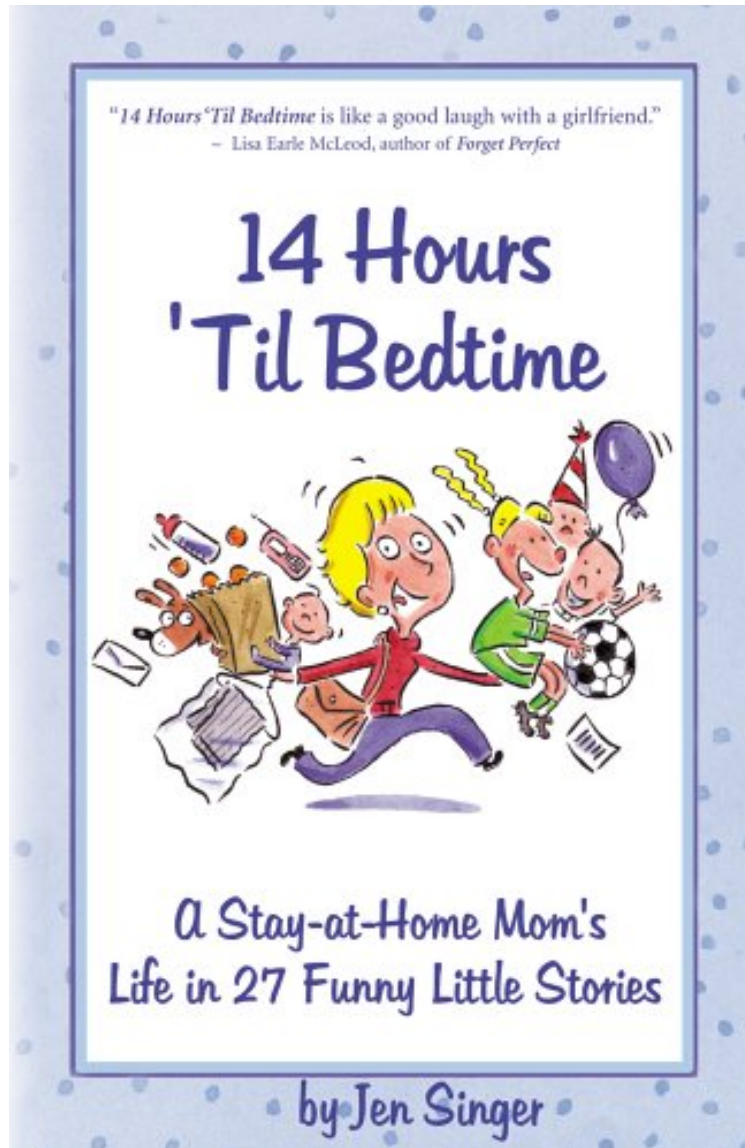


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Short, funny, and honest...like your kids. A breath of fresh air in the parenting world, "14 Hours 'Til Bedtime" illuminates the pressure cooker lives of America's young mothers. With comedic focus on the joys and the blunders of raising a family, Jen Singer explores what it really takes to be a stay-at-home mom: Patience...stamina...and a genuine appreciation for greeting cards made out of Froot Loops. "14 Hours 'Til Bedtime" is for any mother who has managed to do the Hokey-Pokey with a toddler while nursing the baby at the same time. Author Jen Singer is the sure-and-steady voice for every on-the-go mom who dreams of stringing together ten minutes so she can shave both legs on the same day.

"14 hours 'Til Bedtime" is like a good laugh with a girlfriend. -- Lisa Earle McCleod, author of "Forget Perfect" Jen Singer has hit parenting on the nail...it's hectic, loud and mind numbing yet worth its weight in gold. -- Ken Swarner, author of *Whose Kids Are These Anyway?* Somewhere Erma Bombeck is smiling. -- Ralph Schoenstein, author of "My Kid's an Honor Student. Your Kid's a Loser." From the Publisher Truly laugh-out-loud funny, Jen Singer is the voice of today's over-worked moms! Recently she was quoted in "The Boston Herald" October 1, 2004: "Americans love to see privileged people fall, and (now) it's housewives' turn," said Jen Singer, author of *14 Hours 'Til Bedtime: A Stay-at-Home Mom's Life in 27 Funny Little Stories* and creator of MommaSaid.net. "For the past few years, staying home with your kids has been seen as a privilege," she said. "Watching *Desperate Housewives* lets working women feel relieved that being a housewife isn't what society has held it up to be. And at-home moms want to know that other housewives can be as unhappy or more so than they feel sometimes." From the Inside Flap Introduction In my mother's day, being a stay-at-home mom was practically mandatory. Nowadays though, with so many moms working to make ends meet, staying home with the kids is seen as a privilege. And the privileged shouldn't complain. Then again, the privileged normally don't spend their days scraping peanut butter off the telephone or rescuing the cat from yet another tea party. So, an entire generation of stay-at-home moms, who grew up when women were suddenly expected to "bring home the bacon and fry it up in a pan," seems to downplay their (unpaid) jobs. Yet they work 14-plus hour days, putting aside their own interests - such as conversing with adults in full sentences - with little recognition. Or sleep. In "14 Hours 'Til Bedtime: A Stay-at-Home Mom's Life in 27 Funny, Little Stories", I say what other at-home moms have been afraid to say: it's really, really hard to devote all your time to little people who show their appreciation by hanging from your belt loops, whining, while you make macaroni and cheese shaped like *SpongeBob SquarePants*. Again. Between each story are "Just a Minute!" breaks - quick, little funnies you can read while stirring the mac n' cheese. Even the essays are brief, because I know you have only about 750 words to read before someone figures out you're hiding in the bathroom with a book. So go ahead. Read a little bit and enjoy. Because you deserve it, Mom! - Jen Singer, May 2004