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Editorial Review

Review

Named a Summer Book Pick by *Redbook*, *Working Mother*, *SheKnows*, and *Brit + Co*

“Malladi (*The Mango Season*, 2003) examines India’s surrogacy industry with honesty and grace. This slice of life will touch all women who have struggled with conception and/or poverty. This thought-provoking novel will be a sure hit with book groups.” —**Booklist, Starred Review**

“Malladi (*The Mango Season*) writes a poignant novel from two difficult perspectives that spans several complex and often controversial topics. This title would make a great book club selection.” —**Library Journal**

“*A House for Happy Mothers* explores the lengths people will go for family. The characters are nuanced and sympathetic, and the dueling perspectives of a surrogate and the biological mother are commendable.” —**RT Book Reviews**

“The story provides an intriguing glimpse into the surrogate industry and casts light on the emotional toil those involved face.” —**The Associated Press**

“A feel-good story that warms the heart.” —**Redbook**

“This thoughtful novel examines India’s surrogacy industry with honesty and grace.” —**Brit + Co**

“A wonderful novel that takes you through the journey of surrogacy and the heart-wrenching emotions of those involved.” —**Sejal Badani, author of *Trail of Broken Wings***

“How far would you go to have a family, and how far would you go to save the family you already have? In *A House for Happy Mothers*, Amulya Malladi skillfully and compassionately raises these questions in a story of two women yearning to protect their families. This is a thought-provoking, modern-day family saga set against the backdrop of traditional Indian and American maternal expectations.” —**Amy Sue Nathan, author of *The Good Neighbor and The Glass Wives***

“Compelling and filled with insight. [Amulya] Malladi’s voice is layered, and her empathetic powers highly developed. Indian surrogacy is a crucially important and little-considered subject, and Malladi’s novel is thoughtful, enlightening, and moving.” —**Leslee Udwin, BAFTA award-winning filmmaker of *East Is East and India’s Daughter***

“A subtly nuanced and compassionate look at the controversial ‘rent a womb’ industry, Amulya Malladi’s book is timely and illuminating.” —**Nayana Currimbhoy, author of *Miss Timmins’ School for Girls***

“*A House for Happy Mothers* shines an unblinking light on the business of surrogacy in India, and the emotional fallout. Can anything balance the inequality of power between a poor surrogate and a biological mother? A husband and wife in an arranged marriage? A mother and daughter struggling with years of perceived disappointment? Compelling and realistic, Amulya Malladi’s latest release is the perfect choice for book clubs, and any reader with a questioning mind and an open heart.” —**Lorrie Thomson, author of *A Measure of Happiness and What’s Left Behind***

“A sensitive exploration of the emotional terrain of motherhood and the socio-economic complexities of our global world. Amulya Malladi’s novel contains no villains or heroes, just breathing, living characters who will draw you into their heartbreak.”—**Shilpi Somaya Gowda, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Secret Daughter* and *The Golden Son***

“In this timely contemporary novel, Malladi describes the important and controversial issue of surrogate pregnancy with a light and masterful [hand]. Readers will find their hearts deeply touched by the longings of the two women who become inextricably intertwined in this process of giving and receiving the ultimate gift—the birth of a child.” —**Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni, author of *The Palace of Illusions* and *Before We Visit the Goddess***

About the Author

Amulya Malladi is the author of six novels, including *The Sound of Language* and *The Mango Season*. Her books have been translated into several languages, including Dutch, German, Spanish, Danish, Romanian, Serbian, and Tamil. She has a bachelor’s degree in engineering and a master’s degree in journalism. When she’s not writing, she works as a marketing executive for a global medical device company. She lives in Copenhagen with her husband and two children. Connect with Amulya at www.amulyamalladi.com.

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