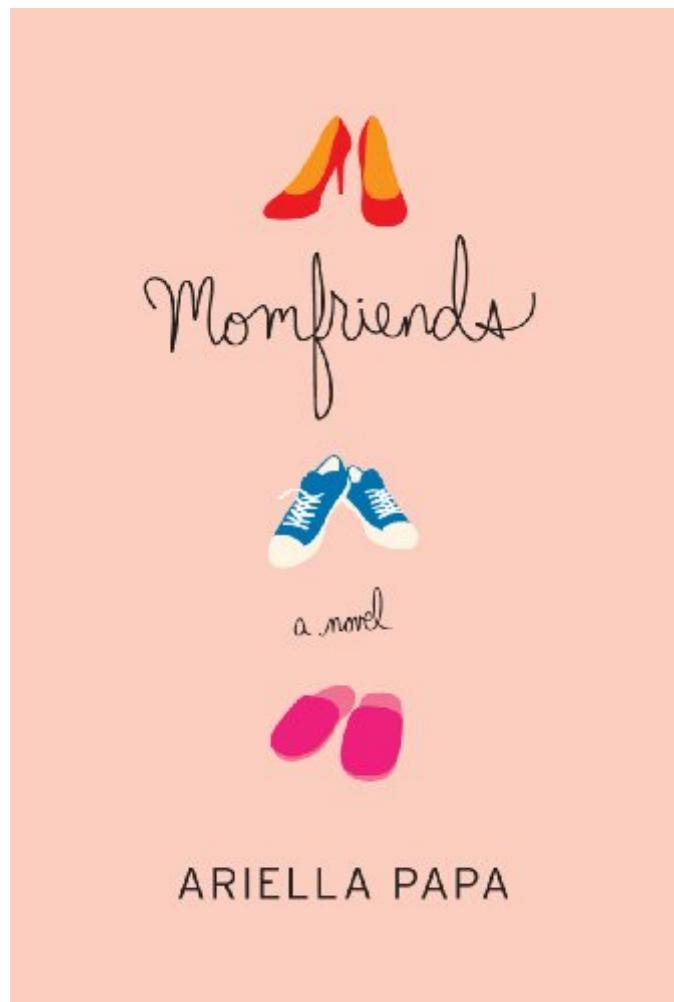


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# MOMFRIENDS (Momfriends Series Book 1)



## **Synopsis**

When Ruth has a new baby, she meets Earth mother artist, Kirsten and overachiever mom, Claudia. There goes the motherhood . . . Read the sequel *Momfrenemies* available November 24.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Overall, I felt this book was okay. It was a good bedtime read for me. Not too stimulating, not too boring. I did find myself surprised at one point to notice on my progress bar that I was 75% through the book because I felt like not much had happened. For me, it was a bit too much internal dialogue from the 3 characters and not enough action. At several points, the story felt forced, as if what happened would never actually happen in real life, but the author needed it to happen to move the story and it was the best she could come up with. For example, Kirsten and Claudia meet Ruth because they hear her yelling and decide to go knock on her door...? And then, on the flipside, Ruth lets two strangers into her home and lets them hold her child...? Maybe it's just me, but it just felt like the author couldn't come up with a more legitimate way to get the 3 of them together. The worst part,

which has been mentioned by others, is the complete lack of any copy editing. The spelling errors and grammatical errors are abundant and fairly distracting. It annoyed me even more because in Claudia's first chapter, she complains about someone using "their" instead of "they're" in an email. Honestly.

As a mother of young children myself, I could totally relate to the experiences (both sweet and cringe-worthy), feelings, and conflicts of the main characters. I am also totally proud of myself for reading an actual book- as opposed to half-reading new yorker articles and daily perusal of gawker- it even made me stay up late! I found the characters really believable yet not predictable. This is Papa's fourth novel. I've read them all and her style and voice have really developed. On a technical note, I dragged my feet on reading this because of the digital format. I don't have a kindle and couldn't imagine reading it on my laptop, but I was able to read it on my ipod touch easily. The formatting is totally readable; so much easier than trying to read my email or look at websites on that thing. It has made me want to read more books this way, despite my resistance to technology... sorry, books made of paper, you are just not as convenient for public transportation or breastfeeding.

Everyone does it differently but be open to trying other ideas if yours aren't working. Having a group of ladies to vent to and have some fun with keeps you sane. That is what this book helps you understand as a mother.

As a single woman of 36 who has no plans for children, I am sure I fall into the "unlikely reader" category for Momfriends. But I am here to tell you that if you are a person who has lived at all, never mind being a mom, you will find something - most likely, many things - that resonate about this book. I read it in just two nights, I was so immediately captivated by the lives of its three central characters - Kirsten, the earthy artist, Claudia, the manic overachiever, and Ruth, the middle-of-the-road, everyday chick. The story, told in alternating first-person chapters, revolves around the women's contemplations and feelings as they struggle to live their lives as they always dreamed they would. Motherhood is indeed an important part of their everyday, but it is not the only thing that matters to them. Their well-developed characters are always at the forefront, as they make decisions about everything from food to sex to preschool. I connected so intimately with these women. I saw something of my own life in each of theirs, and watching how they overcame their challenges felt to me like talking to my own closest friends. Momfriends is about much more than

being a mom. It is about living the good life, and learning how to make each day one that we can look back upon with gratitude and gladness. And who doesn't need a little more of that in their lives?

I didn't have high expectations for a book that was only \$2.99, but this was great! I couldn't wait to read more. The book follows three moms at different stages in life and motherhood and the chapters rotate from each woman's perspective. The characters are surprisingly deep and well developed and the plot unfolds thoughtfully. I think that all moms will find relatable aspects to the characters. The only negative thing I can say about this book is that there are quite a lot of typos, but these are easily overlooked thanks to the superb writing and captivating plot. I would not hesitate to recommend this book to anyone.

momfriends is a poignant tale of three moms becoming friends as well as each other's support system. The relationship begins with Kirsten's act of kindness towards Ruth. The three forge a friendship despite being very different people. Each of the three women possess specific traits that eventually influences how the friends go about their lives. While my children are no longer small, I remember the days of loneliness and seclusion that one feels after having a baby. I recall mainly relying on my friends who were also nursing, being spit up on and not getting any sleeping. There were a few editing issues with the Kindle version, but I still highly recommend this book.

I thought this book was externally entertaining and a quick read. That being said, I'm six and a half months pregnant so it was like looking into a crystal ball and seeing my future. I also never really cared for the Claudia character-how annoying this woman was written-ugh! But somehow, by the final four chapters, I forgot how much I despised her. I don't know that I would have enjoyed this book had I not been pregnant and that is why it got three stars versus a higher rating.

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