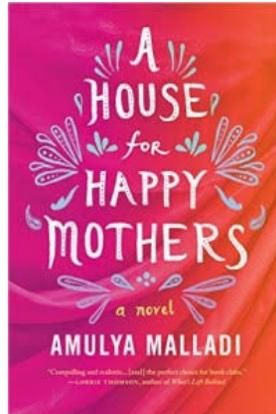


A House for Happy Mothers by Amulya Malladi



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Synopsis from Goodreads:

“A stunning new novel—full of wit and warmth—from the bestselling author of *The Mango Season*.

In trendy Silicon Valley, Priya has everything she needs—a loving husband, a career, and a home—but the one thing she wants most is the child she’s unable to have. In a Southern Indian village, Asha doesn’t have much—raising two children in a tiny hut, she and her husband can barely keep a tin roof over their heads—but she wants a better education for her gifted son. Pressured by her family, Asha reluctantly checks into the Happy Mothers House: a baby farm where she can rent her only asset—her womb—to a childless couple overseas. To the dismay of friends and family, Priya places her faith in a woman she’s never met to make her dreams of motherhood come true.

Together, the two women discover the best and the worst that India’s rising surrogacy industry has to offer, bridging continents and cultures to bring a new life into the world—and renewed hope to each other.”



Book Club Discussion Questions by [Mom's Small Victories](#):

I think *A House for Happy Mothers* by Amulya Malladi would be a great mom's book club choice. These are questions I thought of as I read the book. If they are the same as any other book club questions published, it is purely coincidental.

Here are some discussion questions to talk about and start the conversation about the book.

1. What lengths would you go to to become a mother? Would you use a surrogate in a foreign country?
2. What do you think of Priya? Does she want to be a mother more than she wants to be Madhu's wife?
3. Do you think Priya is contributing to the exploitation of poor women like Asha?
4. Given her relationship with her mother, what kind of mother do you think Priya will be?
5. How will using a surrogate impact Priya's relationship with her husband? How will it impact her relationship with the child?
6. Will Asha be able to give up the baby she carried? Would you be able to give up a baby you carried?
7. Do you think Asha is being exploited? Who is exploiting her more, Priya or Doctor Swati?

8. How has surrogacy changed Asha and her relationship with her husband? How has it changed the relationship with her children?
9. What do you think about how much Asha is paid to carry the baby? Is it fair that she and Pratap have to decide between using the money for her son's education or a home that is not a hut?
10. Do you think Priya and Asha will have a relationship with each other after the story ends?

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