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made me tear up. As a recent first time Mom, I could relate to what the author and his "bride" experienced. This book will make any mother laugh, cry and reminisce BUT is a must read for future dads too!!!! Nespoli does a great job at offering solid and realistic advice. Unlike any other "what to expect" type of book out there and will keep you laughing and taking notes from start to finish!!! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This is a funny, sometimes hilarious read on the trials and tribulations ...By Stormy evening This is a funny, sometimes hilarious read on the trials and tribulations of a first time dad. Being a woman it is interesting to see the male perspective and laugh yourself silly at the same time! I haven't laughed this hard reading a book in a very long time! Well done! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Loved it!! By Lucia Ferrara A hilarious, irreverent, yet poignant (at times) portrayal of first time parenthood! My husband and I are expecting our first and I enjoyed the preparation of what's to come infused with humor. Worth the read for parents, parents-to-be, or anyone with a good sense of humor!!

"Daddy Versus The Suck Monster" is the honest, humorous, and frequently irreverent portrayal of first-time fatherhood as told by J. Matthew Nespoli. From Kirkus Review: A guy's guide to all that's gross, humorous and surprising about fatherhood, from the perspective of a first-time dad. Nespoli (Broken, 2010) considers himself an average guy: impulsive, adventure-seeking, oversexed, distractible, and occasionally oblivious—especially when it comes to his spouse, whom he affectionately refers to as "The Bride." When she announces that she's pregnant, Nespoli suddenly stares down fatherhood, a role he thinks most men aren't ever ready for. He navigates The Bride's raging hormones, watches their bank account dwindle as they purchase useless baby items, and eventually meets his newborn son, Keller, whom he thinks looks like a lizard. A clueless Nespoli can't help but wonder where the parenting guides are for men like him. Here he presents that very book, cultivated from his own hilarious and horrific experiences, including sleepless nights, diarrhea volcanoes and, most notably, the frustration of competing with his son for his wife's affection and, specifically, her breasts. It eventually leads him to nickname Keller "The Suck Monster." The book is full of dark humor, with no qualms about being blunt and crass about sex, marriage, and scatological matters. Yet the author's absurdist knack for overstatement makes some of the most offensive jokes and juvenile gags forgivable and even endearing. Underneath the frivolity are a remarkable sincerity and the trustworthy, progressive voice of experience. He offers new dads legitimate tips and advice, as well as commiseration about mistakes, sacrifices and morbid thoughts. The author's numerous digressions may divert readers' attention from the book's stronger moments; with a little more focus, this memoir could have been the male equivalent to "What to Expect When You're Expecting." However, there's plenty of laughs and frank, honest advice here to frighten, inform and entertain the average guy embracing fatherhood. An engaging, if occasionally uneven, memoir of being a new parent. Excerpt: After the nurses finished cleaning The Bride's baby, they laid him on her bare chest. "Hi son," she said, in a nurturing tone that I'd never heard before. Keller started suckling, pulling life from her breasts. I haven't touched them since. While she held her baby, I watched as the doctor took a hook and string and began sewing my wife's vagina back together. All I could think was, Yeah, that's gonna be out of commission for a while. Sample of Chapter 1: I wouldn't exactly call my son's conception an accident. I mean, I didn't trip and fall into The Bride's vagina. However, it was a surprise. In fact, I was unaware we were even trying to make a person. Granted, The Bride had been making many more sexual advances than normal, but I attributed her newfound sexual assertiveness to the stellar hair days I was having as a result of a humidity-free, California winter. As it turns out, The Bride was much more interested in my DNA than my hair, and a few weeks into our torrid winter love affair, everything became illuminated. I was pouring myself an adult beverage when The Bride came out of the bathroom with blood lust in her eyes. As soon as I saw her, I knew I was in you're sleeping at a hotel kind of trouble. "You suck at marriage!" she yelled. "I know, and I'm sorry," I said. Those five words have served me well.

About the Author J. Matthew Nespoli is an author, businessman, and certifiably crazy person living in Southern California with his wife, "The Bride," and their son, Keller. "Daddy Versus The Suck Monster" is J. Matthew's second published book (Broken 2010).