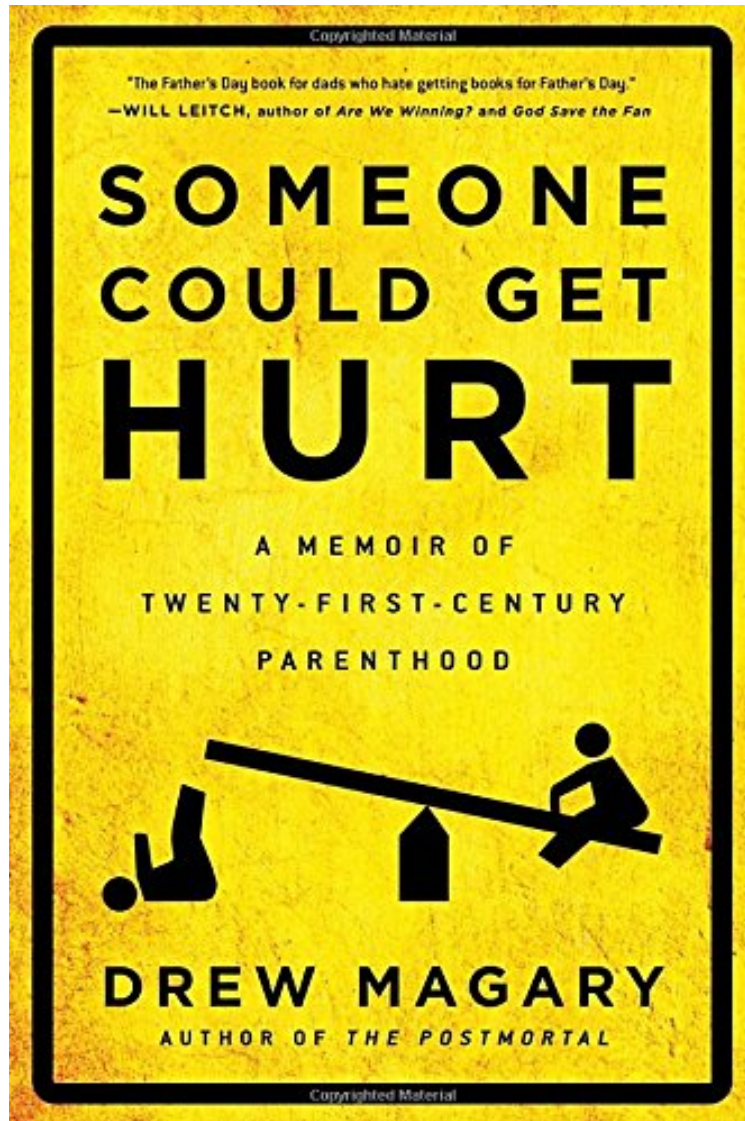


# Someone Could Get Hurt: A Memoir of Twenty-First-Century Parenthood

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**Drew Magary : Someone Could Get Hurt: A Memoir of Twenty-First-Century Parenthood** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Someone Could Get Hurt: A Memoir of Twenty-First-Century Parenthood:

26 of 26 people found the following review helpful. Laugh out Loud HilariousBy LukesterPeople saying "LOL" is often misleading: are they really laughing out loud? But I can honestly say that I couldn't help laughing and had to try

and stifle my laughs on my train commute as I read this book. A series of short stories of Magary's adventures in being a father of three children, this book will be instantly familiar to any parent. He doesn't shy away from the honest truth about parenthood: it's wonderful, but those kids can drive you crazy too. Magary manages to give a voice to all of those little thoughts every parent has but do their best to shove back down into the subconscious. He also discusses his relationship with his wife, which like any modern parenting relationship consists of both teamwork and combat: who can fake sleeping long enough so the other has to get up and feed the crying baby? The stories are the perfect balance between the hilarity of parenting and the touching moments that any parent will recognize. Magary is able to discuss his feelings without venturing into the trite or overly corny clichés that other parenting books often fall into. If you are a parent that misses the days of childless freedom but still cherish your children, you'll love this book. He perfectly captures the range of emotions, some that you didn't even know existed, that any parent moves through. One note of warning, however: if you are looking for innocent portrayals of parenthood, this isn't the book for you: Magary often invokes profanity and "off-color" topics to tell his tales. Of course, in my opinion, this is true to actual parenthood. He doesn't go overboard, but he doesn't restrain himself either. The hilarity is bookended by an incredibly moving portrayal of Magary dealing with his youngest son being in the NICU after he is born prematurely. Magary is a skillful writer than can handle both the hilarity, the love, and the tragedy involved in parenting. As he sums it up near the beginning of the book, "When you start a family, you're signing up for drama. You're signing up for worry. You're signing up for life-and-death. You're signing up for a life that means something more, even if it isn't as fun a life as when you were single and drinking shots of Fire Water in the Giants Stadium parking lot." My one quibble is that the book seemed a bit overpriced for being so short. The book reads almost like a series of blog posts. Although I enjoyed every one, I felt like the publisher was asking for a bit more than this book was worth. I would highly recommend this as a Father's Day present for any younger dad. Also, although it's written from a dad's perspective, I think mom's would also enjoy it, if for no other reason than to see inside the mind of a dad!

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. I Swore I'd Never Say That! By Pope Mel "Children are like very small terrorists: You can't negotiate with them." Parenthood. If you've been there and done that, this one is for you. And if you haven't, this book will better prepare you for the reality of spending 24 hours a day with a baby/toddler/child than any of the What to Expect books EVER will. I cannot express enough how truly HORRIFYING it is to have this...this...THING around ALL THE TIME! This thing that needs you for its very survival. This thing that as soon as it is mobile, will attempt to kill itself daily. Its head gravitates toward all things sharp and pointy. Blink your eyes for a second and it will hurl itself down the nearest staircase. Don't ever let it near the cat's litter box. And yet... Believe it or not, there are rewards, little pleasures both warm and sappy, moments that will bring tears to your eyes. Not to mention the great stories that will someday embarrass the crap out of our children; anecdotes that we will tell again and again in the presence of said children, for the rest of our lives. Parenthood. The good, the bad, the ugly and the projectile vomiting. All the awful, infuriating, hilarious and touching moments. This book nails it!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. If you can get through the first chapter which is a bit sad you will find yourself laughing for the next 18 ... By Beth Sanborn-Cowling Hysterical!!! If you can get through the first chapter which is a bit sad you will find yourself laughing for the next 18 chapters and you end with some tears in your eyes again. You come full circle with this book. I would recommend it for someone on their 2nd child or someone whose child is at least a year old. You have to have some humor here folks. If you're soft this might not be the book for you. Then again maybe it's exactly what you need. Either way it's fantastic and it's a go to gift for me.

A sharp, funny, and heartfelt memoir from the author of *The Hike* and *The Postmortal* about fatherhood and the ups and downs of raising a family in modern America. No one writes about family quite like Drew Magary. In *Someone Could Get Hurt*, he reflects on his own parenting experiences to explore the anxiety, rationalizations, compromises, and overpowering love that come with raising children. In brutally honest and funny stories, Magary reveals how American mothers and fathers cope with being in over their heads—from getting drunk while trick-or-treating and telling dirty jokes to make bath time go smoothly to committing petty vandalism to bond with a five-year-old. *Someone Could Get Hurt* offers a hilarious and heartfelt look at child rearing with a glimpse into the genuine love and compassion that accompany the missteps and flawed logic. It's the story of head lice, almost-dirty words, flat head syndrome, and a man trying to commit the ultimate act of selflessness in a selfish world.

"It's an honest and hilarious portrayal of how aggravating it can be to raise a family." —Justin Halpern, author of the New York Times bestseller *Sh\*t My Dad Says* "The world needs Drew Magary's wonderfully funny, breathtakingly honest book about parenting." —Jen Doll, memoirist and senior writer at *The Atlantic Wire* "The Father's Day book for dads who hate getting books for Father's Day." —Will Leitch, author of *Are We Winning?* and *God Save the Fan* "If you are a parent, I challenge you to not simultaneously laugh and sob through this entire book." —Rachel Dratch, comedian and author of *Girl Walks into a Bar...* Praise for Drew Magary's *THE POSTMORTAL* "Unnerving. . . . An absorbing picture of dawning apocalypse. . . . A disturbing portrait of a society convinced it's close to utopia when a cure for aging is invented. Unsurprisingly, it doesn't take long for that seeming utopia to dissolve into a planet-

overstressed from overpopulation, food and fuel shortages, and general lawlessness-going into systemic failure. . . . The Postmortal is a suitably chilling entry into the 'it's-the-end-of-the-world' canon." — The Austin Chronicle

"Magary's vision of future technology and science is eerily realistic. . . . By the time you finish, you'll want to hold your loved ones close and stockpile bottles of water. If all else fails, you could potentially make a living selling them a few decades from now." — The New York Press

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"Immortality has figured in a number of sf novels prior to this one, but never, to my experience, in this way. . . . A very clear-eyed picture, one I don't think has been drawn before. . . . The Postmortal surprised me in a good way." — Michelle West, Fantasy Science Fiction Magazine

"The Postmortal is a punchy, fast-paced and endearing story. . . . As the novel progresses, it turns from a snappy morality tale, to a noir-ish revenge fable, to an action movie; complete with guns, rogue religious cults and government-sanctioned hit men. The narrative comes to us through John's blog entries and collections of news bytes and pundit commentary. Through his sixty years as a 29-year-old, he experiences all the love, pain, grief, and terror of a standard lifetime and is still in good enough shape to kick some ass at the end. Like much good dystopian fiction, The Postmortal is an at-times unflattering commentary on human beings, present, past and future, that hits the mark in many ways. . . . For anyone intrigued with Life Extension science, it's a fun examination of our fears and expectations." — The Nervous Breakdown

"A darkly comic, totally gonzo, and effectively frightening population- bomb dystopia in the spirit of Logan's Run, Soylent Green, and the best episodes of The Twilight Zone." — Neal Pollack, author of Alternadad and Stretch

"As insanely entertaining as it is ambitious, The Postmortal takes us into an America set in the next few years and coming apart under the onslaught of a dreadful new plague--that of human immortality. Magary possesses an explosive imagination and let loose in The Postmortal, he creates an alternate history of the near future that feels real and is probably inevitable. Read The Postmortal if you want to find out what happened to the human race in our last violent and absurd few years in New York." — Evan Wright, author of Generation Kill

"As someone who is totally freaked out by the thought of dying, The Postmortal really stood on top of me and peed on my face. It's depiction of the future isn't filled with crappy robots fighting Will Smith. It's filled with eerily realistic portrayals of what the future could look like and does it all in an incredibly entertaining story." — Justin Halpern, author of Sh\*t My Dad Says

"The first novel from a popular sports blogger and humorist puts a darkly comic spin on a science fiction premise and hits the sweet spot between Margaret Atwood and Kurt Vonnegut. . . . [Magary] understands that satire is most effective when it gives the real world a gently absurd nudge, then lets its characters react much as we ourselves might under the same circumstances." — Ron Hogan, Shelf Awareness

Praise for Drew Magary's MEN WITH BALLS

"Men with Balls is funny, completely uninformative, and horrifyingly profane. In short: the perfect book." — Michael Schur, Co-Executive Producer of The Office

"Profane, beyond naughty, and, I have to say, just damn funny." — Buzz Bissinger, author of Friday Night Lights

"One of the funniest books I've ever read--the product of a meticulously demented mind. Required reading for anyone who loves sports, and any athlete who knows how to read." — Will Leitch, founder of Deadspin

"I hope to one day write a book that is even comparable to Men with Balls. It is definitely a must-read." — Chris Cooley, Pro Bowl tight end, Washington Redskins

"Drew Magary possesses a keen insight into pro sports' unyielding loads of crap. Men with Balls oozes with, well, balls." — Jeff Pearlman, author of Sweetness

"Extremely funny. And I'm not just saying that because Drew gives me free mustache rides every Thursday." — Jay Chandrasekhar, cowriter and director of Super Troopers and Club Dread

"Men with Balls is a terrifyingly astute takedown of pro sports masquerading as brilliant satire." — Stefan Fatsis, author of A Few Seconds of Panic and Word Freak

About the Author

Drew Magary is a correspondent for GQ and a columnist for Deadspin and Gawker. He's also the author of the upcoming novel The Hike, the critically acclaimed novel The Postmortal, and Men with Balls: The Professional Athlete's Handbook. He lives in Maryland with his wife and three kids.