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How to Tell Her She's the Most Amazing Mom

A New Chicken Soup for the Soul Collection Shows Moms Just How Much They're Appreciated

COS COB, Conn. – Laurie Carnright Edwards confesses that her mom embarrassed her terribly when they went car shopping together, forcing Laurie to stride out of the dealership even after two price reductions. But Mom always knows best. That car salesman called Laurie later and met her mother's demands for a third price cut. Elaine Herrin Onley had her own epiphany, about her mother's sacrifices, when she came home from a party one night, wearing a new outfit her mother had provided, and spotted the ragged nightgown that was usually hidden under her mother's robe. It was then that she realized how much her mother had been sacrificing to keep her children looking good.

Those are but two of the 101 stories in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: My Amazing Mom (Chicken Soup for the Soul, LLC; Amy Newmark; March 20, 2018, 978-1-611599763, \$14.95)*, which the company calls a "gift to moms, grandmothers, stepmothers, mothers-in-law, or honorary mothers, with stories that will make them laugh, tear up, and nod their heads in recognition, and most importantly—know they're appreciated." That appreciation is important, because mothers spend years imparting unsolicited advice and often don't hear much gratitude until their children are grown. This new collection reassures mothers that their children are listening, learning, and loving them back.

Chicken Soup for the Soul's editor-in-chief Amy Newmark says, "This is a wonderful way for children of all ages to let their mothers know how much they are loved, how important their influence has been, and how much their children rely on them for comfort, too. I loved Xochitl Dixon's story about her mother's memorial service. The family asked guests to bring coats, gloves, and hats to honor her—a teaching assistant who had always made sure to equip a few of her students with the winter outerwear their families couldn't afford. At their standing-room-only service, they collected hundreds of coats, hats, and gloves for their mother's students."

"That story made me realize that mothers are in fact the providers of the 'coats, gloves, and hats' that we need as we navigate life," continued Newmark. "I'm not really talking about clothing. I'm talking about the emotional outerwear mothers provide when we leave our homes and interact with the world—the comfort and support and morals and strategies for life. Our mothers are our cheerleaders, our chief advisers, and our role models for how to be the very best human beings that we can be."

ABOUT CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL

Chicken Soup for the Soul, the world's favorite and most recognized storyteller, publishes the famous *Chicken Soup for the Soul* book series. With well over 100 million books sold to date in the U.S. and Canada alone, more than 250 titles, and translations into more than 40 languages, "chicken soup for the soul" is one of the world's best-known phrases and is regularly referenced in pop culture. Today, 25 years after it first began sharing happiness, inspiration and hope through its books, this socially conscious company continues to publish a new title a month, but has also evolved beyond the bookstore with super premium pet food, television shows and movies through its subsidiary, Chicken Soup for the Soul Entertainment, podcasts, positive journalism from aplus.com, education programs, and licensed products, all revolving around true stories, as the company continues "changing the world one story at a time®."

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