

Who Are *You* Calling *Grandma?*

Book Reviews

“How could I resist reading a book with a first line like that? (You’ll just have to read it for yourself.) This wonderful book will grab every Baby Boomer who’s about to enter grandparenthood. At once touching, humorous and realistic, it captures the essence of what millions of them will experience. If there’s someone in your life that fits this description, buy them this book. Remember, this is the youth generation. Break the news to them gently.”

~ Hal Zina Bennett, author of *Write From the Heart*

“The universal aspects of human life—birth, love, sex and death—are for obvious reasons, well-trodden literary territory. How amazing that Maridel Bowes has found in that land an uncharted continent! Becoming a grandparent, which has often been reduced to little more than a saccharine set of platitudes, is actually quite a rite of passage. It is, among other things, sobering soul-food for our illusions of immortality and eternal youth. With a fine mix of humor, insight and unflinching, iconoclastic honesty, Maridel maps this world for us. It shocks and illuminates us as only a fresh look at the deeply familiar can.”

~ Steven Forrest, author of *The Inner Sky*

“I loved this book! And it didn’t matter that I’m not a mother or a grandmother. Ms. Bowes shares her journey into grandmotherhood in such a warm, humorous and insightful way I felt a part of her family. The bonus was in realizing that some of her insights and experiences are commonly shared and I’ve been there - though perhaps without her awareness and grace. This book is a wonderful gift. I’ve given it to five of my friends—all grandmothers — and they all say they wish they could have read it back then as well. Treat yourself to a real gem.”

~ S. Nardini

“I read this book in one day! This is amazing considering that I wasn’t really motivated to read it because I wasn’t a grandmother and didn’t know if I would ever be one. But a close friend gave it to me so after letting it sit for a couple of weeks, I started reading — and couldn’t stop! It made me laugh a lot, but also gave me glimpses into myself as a woman and a mother. I loved the ending most — it was so touching it brought me to tears. Now I can’t wait until Maridel’s next book!”

~ I. Sanchez



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“This is a wonderful, delightful book for Baby Boomers. However, it is MUCH, MUCH more than that. It is a book about any and all relationships and self discovery and dealing with your own inner dilemmas and conflicts. It is an intimate look into how to figure out for yourself your emotional turmoil. Read it! You will love it!”

~ S. Randolph

“Being a Baby Boomer myself I was interested to see if the author’s experience was anything like my own. I was delighted to read such an insightful and humorous book about this major passage into grandparenthood. In addition, I found myself relating these insights to other transitional periods of my life. This book would also be helpful for new parents as well as anyone entering into a new stage of life. There are some familiar and universal feelings for most of us as we transition from one life stage into the next.”

~ S. James

“I just finished reading this book and I didn’t want it to stop. The author does an excellent job of sharing her feelings and her story in becoming a grandmother. I laughed and cried as the story brought back my own memories of the birth of my first grandchild.”

~ N. Visonhaler

