

00:00:00	Biz Ellis	Host	Hi. I'm Biz.
00:00:02	Theresa Thorn	Host	And I'm Theresa.
00:00:03	Biz	Host	Due to the pandemic, we bring you <i>One Bad Mother</i> straight from our homes—including such interruptions as: children! Animal noises! And more! So let's all get a little closer while we have to be so far apart. And remember—we are doing a <u>good job</u> .
00:00:20	Music	Music	"Summoning the Rawk" by Kevin MacLeod. Driving electric guitar and heavy drums.
00:00:25	Biz	Host	<i>[Continues through dialogue.]</i> This week on <i>One Bad Mother</i> —when you say “non-traditional parenting,” do you mean like not dressing alike as a family? We talk to the hosts of <i>If These Ovaries Could Talk</i> . Plus, Biz takes a quiz.
00:00:39	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Biz and caller: Woooo!
00:00:41	Caller	Caller	Things are doing— <i>[sighs]</i> . Dammit. Things are going alright here in Kentucky. Just cancelled our vacation and now I'm trying to plan a really super special staycation. And... trying to stay positive and active and get everyone outside. Biz? I wanna let you know that you're <u>never</u> wooing alone. Bye.
00:01:07	Biz	Host	Ah. Thank you. I am enjoying these woos so much. And thank you for calling and wooing and checking in! There's nothing more real about the pandemic than cancelling your vacation. And good job! The staycation thing? I am trying to focus on my wording these days, and let's listen to our wording. “ <u>I'm</u> trying—” <i>[Laughs.]</i> “—to make it an interesting staycation.” “ <u>I'm</u> trying to put a positive spin on it.” Yes. Yes. Okay? Yes! I am, too! And that's part of being, y'know, a person who wants things to be nice in the world. However, we can also lean on other people to help us do that. 'Cause 11 years into this, I am really getting burned out on feeling like President of Everyone's Emotional States. So I say—go for it. Make it fun. But make sure you're <i>[through laughter]</i> making it fun for yourself. <i>[Singing]</i> It's time for children to paint my toes! <i>[Laughs.] [Regular voice]</i> Oh, you're doing such a good job! I really hope that you're having a nice staycation.

Speaking of doing a good job, I just wanna say—*[singing]* it's the pandemic and you're all doing an incredible job! *[Regular voice]* Really. Essential workers? I am going to forever shout you out. Sometimes I just shout out “Thank you essential workers!” In my sleep. And it startles Stefan and the cats a lot, but they're getting used to it now. Everybody in the medical profession. Everybody who is out from farmers to people who are picking that produce and vegetables and loading it and people who are working in factories and—I mean, yeah! Every day, everything I touch is the result of an essential worker somewhere. Okay? So thank you and I see you. And you are remarkable?

And... most of you are trying to do it all with kids and school returning. Sometimes all on your own. Sometimes with a helpful partner. Sometimes without a helpful partner. And I see you. You're amazing. And again? I will continue to shout out, *[singing]* Thank you to the Postal Service! Thank you to people volunteering for the election! *[Laughs.] [Regular voice]* Hannah's trying to dance to the song and this song is just not there yet. I'm gonna have to keep working on it. *[Singing]* Thank you, thank you, thank youuuu!

			<p>It is time to be active! I know we've all been trapped in our <i>[through laughter]</i> houses and we're going crazy and we want to feel like we can do something! Well, voting is something. <i>[Laughs.] [Regular voice]</i> So! Go and register! Go and find out what your state requires for you to vote! Either in person or by mail! Mm-kay? Stop people when they say the mail-in ballots is going to be fraudulent! Just stop people! Just stop it! Just say, it doesn't—it—no! No! None of that's based in truth. So. You are doing a good job and I'm just gonna sit here and take a nice long slip off my soapbox and land <i>[through laughter]</i> into this thing.</p>
00:04:30	Biz	Host	<p>Katy Belle—I'm taking her in for her physical. Because—even in a pandemic—we gotta get our vaccines and she just turned 11 so it's the year of four shots. <i>[Laughs.]</i> She knows this is coming. But usually when we go in to the doctor's, we fill out a little form when we get there. It's a questionnaire. And it's like, y'know, when—you do these—at least in my medical group, you do these the moment you have a baby in your arms, taking it in to a doctor. It's like, "Are they sleeping? Are they eating? Are they having milk? Are they—y'know—what—how much screen time are they—are they getting less than two hours of screen time a day? Are they having—y'know." And I—very smugly—have been going along— <i>[Laughs.]</i> Especially the early years. "Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes! I'm so great!" <i>[Laughs.]</i> "Yes, yes, yes—They're just gonna think I'm <u>lying</u> because I'm <u>so</u> great."</p> <p>And then I got the question— <i>[Laughs.]</i> The questionnaire for Katy Belle's 11-year-old visit. And I... am <u>so</u> surprised at how fast it feels like it went from being asked "does your child get three servings of calcium a day" to "are they dating?" <i>[Laughs.]</i> I was like, "What?! No!" <i>[Laughs.]</i> The fact that I could check "yes" for "Have I talked to my child about sex and puberty" made me feel a <u>little</u> better when I also had to check, "Yes, my child eats fatty foods like chips more than once a week." <i>[Laughs.]</i> I answered everything honestly. We ain't getting the calcium. My kids don't like that kind of—the milk. They don't like the dairy. But we're figuring it out.</p> <p>That said, I just was like—oh my god, we're about to enter into a whole new world of everything. And it was kind of a little bit of shock to the system. My baby... is growing up. Why not ask if she's shaving her legs or if she has a fake ID yet? Huh? Huh, medical institution? When does that quiz come? Speaking of things we are not ready for—or things that are not familiar to us—or we may not know about. <i>[Laughs.]</i> I think that possibly—insultingly—ties into— <i>[Laughs.]</i> What we are gonna talk about today, which is... non-traditional parenting. With our very special guests Jaimie Kelton and Robin Hopkins, the producers and hosts of the popular podcast <i>If These Ovaries Could Talk</i>.</p>
00:07:10	Music	Music	Banjo strums; cheerful banjo music continues through dialogue.
00:07:10	Theresa	Host	Please—take a moment to remember: If you're friends of the hosts of <i>One Bad Mother</i> , you should <u>assume</u> that when we talk about other moms, we're talking about <u>you</u> .
00:07:18	Biz	Host	If you are <u>married</u> to the host of <i>One Bad Mother</i> , we <u>definitely are</u> talking about you.
00:07:22	Theresa	Host	Nothing we say constitutes <u>professional</u> parenting advice.

00:07:25	Biz	Host	Biz and Theresa's children are brilliant, lovely, and exceedingly extraordinary.
00:07:29	Theresa	Host	Nothing said on this podcast about them implies otherwise.
<i>[Banjo music fades out.]</i>			
<i>[Biz and guests Jaimie Kelton and Robin Hopkins repeatedly affirm each other as they discuss the weekly topic.]</i>			
00:07:33	Biz	Host	Guys? Today I am joined by Jaimie Kelton and Robin Hopkins, who are the producers and hosts of the popular and award-winning podcast <i>If These Ovaries Could Talk</i> . Their mission is to normalize, elevate, and celebrate LGBTQ families, confirming they are just like other families. Do you mean children poop in your tub, too?! And while shining a spotlight on all the different ways nontraditional families get made, Jaimie and Robin share their personal fertility journeys and their parenting adventures. And guys? They also have a new book out, which we are going to promote the hell out of today and probably into the future. <i>[Singsong voice]</i> Welcome, Jaimie and Robin! <i>[Claps.]</i>
00:08:15	Jaimie Kelton	Host	Thank you so much! Thank you! We're all about the musical welcomes. I have to say, pooping in the tub? I just literally—
00:08:22	Robin Hopkins	Host	<u>Just</u> talked about that.
00:08:23	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Jaimie: Wait, no, literally.
00:08:25	Jaimie	Host	Biz: Did you? My— <i>[Laughs.]</i> You know the swimmy diaper? I'm on vacation right now. We're at the beach. You know swimmy diapers don't hold in pee. We know this. You've been peed on with a swimmy diaper. But we just were changing my son <u>right</u> before this started out of his swimmy diaper on the bed—as you do—and we didn't realize there was poop in it 'cause why would you.
00:08:43	Biz	Host	Why?
00:08:44	Jaimie	Host	Why? And then, y'know, my wife—she's doing it as quickly as she can so that we can get this—so I can get set up here for the recording.
<i>[Biz laughs.]</i>			
00:09:01	Robin	Host	And as she's walking out, I walk—step—take a step forward and I almost stepped into a pile of poop that had fallen to the floor. So, y'know, my wife— Jaimie, I wish you had stepped in the poop. It makes the story better.
00:09:03	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Robin: I'm so embarrassed.
Jaimie: I'm so glad I didn't! I'm so—			
Biz: I know! I'm gonna—Hannah, edit it so she steps in the poop.			
00:09:08	Jaimie	Host	<i>[All laugh.]</i> I shoulda said "I stepped in the poop." And even my wife said, "You should tell them you stepped in the poop. There's your content! There's your content right there!" That's what she said. <i>[Laughs.]</i>
<i>[Biz laughs.]</i>			

00:09:19	Robin	Host	There's your content. <i>[Laughs.]</i>
00:09:21	Biz	Host	Well, yeah. The pooping in the tub thing is never written about in a book. And it's such a surprise when it happens. But today we are not here to talk about pooping in the tub. At least not yet. I wanna start with asking what we ask <u>all</u> our guests, which is—who lives in your house? Robin, let's start with you. Who lives in your house?
00:09:41	Robin	Host	Okay. So there's me, obviously. My wife, Mary. My lady-friend.

[Multiple people laugh.]

My daughter, Maxine; my son, Henry; a cat named Lucy who likes to pee in the bed; a fish named Steve, and the other fish, Red, is Dead.

00:09:56	Biz	Host	<i>[Jaimie laughs.]</i>
00:09:59	Robin	Host	I have a cat named Steve! And he's down here on the floor!
00:10:00	Biz	Host	Shut up!
00:10:02	Jaimie	Host	He's named after Steve of <i>Stranger Things</i> .
00:10:03	Robin	Host	Whoa.
00:10:09	Biz	Host	I love—I love like weird people names for pets. Like “Jimmy” for a dog. Like, love it.
00:10:13	Robin	Host	Yeah! No, how exciting! Who cares about your children? You have a fish named Steve!
00:10:17	Biz	Host	By the way, I can't wait 'til Steve passes on. I said it.
00:10:21	Robin	Host	I—uh, yeah, no. I—look. The fish? I have a long history—
00:10:23	Biz	Host	<i>[Sighs.]</i> So much work!
			—of guppies. The only thing living in our tank now is a snail. That's been there—

[Multiple people laugh.]

00:10:43	Robin	Host	—much longer than a snail should have ever lived. It is this aquatic snail. And it is so happy that everything is dead. And I'm like, “Please die so I can get this counter space back.” Years!
			I know! I just wanna give that fish tank away so badly! We went away for five weeks at the beginning of the pandemic and I was like, “Listen, Henry. If the fish doesn't make it—listen—like, maybe we should give it away <u>now</u> !”

[Biz laughs.]

00:10:58	Jaimie	Host	And he was like, “No.” And he was like, “No, let's just, like—let's take our luck. Let's see what happens.”
00:11:00	Robin	Host	Robin.
00:11:01	Jaimie	Host	And that fucking fish lived!
00:11:04	Biz	Host	You have to tell everybody why you got that fish.
00:11:05	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Oh, yeah.
			Robin: Okay. Alright. I got the—okay.

00:11:08	Robin	Host	Jaimie: This is—there's a—yeah. So Jaimie and I were on the cover of <i>Gay Parents Magazine</i> . And I—
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[Biz laughs.]

—so I said to the kids, I said—each of us with our families were in the magazine. So I said, “Guys! We’re gonna be in a magazine!” And Henry, y’know—third grade—he goes, “What magazine?”

[Biz laughs.]

And I said, *Gay Parents Magazine*. And he goes, “Oh.” And then—

[Biz laughs.]

And then like five minutes later he was like, “I want some boys in the house.” Because even our cat is a girl. And I was just like, *[sighs.]* So we go to the fish store.

[Multiple people laugh.]

‘Cause I was like, how about we get a boy fish. So we go to the fish store and there’s this lady who’s like helping us get the fish and I said, “So which tank has all the boy fish?” And she goes, “You can’t—” And she’s behind him? And so I’m like this and I’m like, “That one! They’re all boys in there, right?” And she goes, “Uh... yeah. Yeah. They’re—they’re all boys.” And I was like— *[Laughs.]* So we have no idea. But Steven and Red, both boys. *[Laughs.]* Nice! I—poor—hi, Jaimie, I know you’re here, too. But I’m gonna talk about fish a little more.

00:11:58 Biz Host

00:12:03 Jaimie Host

00:12:04 Biz Host

Hey, I don’t care.
Fun fact that I learned about fish. Guppies. Not only can guppies change their sex—‘k? So they’re—if you—I had boys, they can change their sex and then once inseminated, they can store and self-fertilize themselves. So the day I woke up to 20 baby guppies in my tank—

[Someone gasps.]

00:12:30 Jaimie Host

I thought you were gonna say “in your womb.”

[Robin laughs.]

00:12:33 Biz Host

Yeah. I know. *[Laughs.] [Inaudible]* Just hanging out. I was like, “I’m so glad I cannot store and self-inseminate because that might be just horrible accidents waiting to happen.” But! I will never have another guppy in this house as a result of this.

00:12:47 Robin Host

I’m so glad you told me that.

00:12:48 Biz Host

I know. You’re welcome.

00:12:49 Crosstalk Crosstalk

Robin: I didn’t know that! Thank you!

Jaimie: Wow.

00:12:51 Biz Host

And also—does giving away the fish for adoption, does that mean flushing it down the toilet?

00:12:56 Robin Host

No, I was legit gonna see if I could give it away to some other sucker in the building? There’s 80 apartments. Somebody’s got a kid younger than mine that’s like feeling bad and wants a fish.

[Biz laughs.]

00:13:05 Jaimie Host

Yeah. It’s true. I also feel like maybe guppies are more evolved than us? As a species for that?

00:13:11 Robin Host

We gotta get a guppy on our show and talk to them about their family.

00:13:14	Jaimie	Host	We should! “So how do <u>you</u> —how did <u>you</u> make your thousand babies?”
			<i>[Multiple people laugh.]</i>
00:13:19	Robin	Host	“Tell us about making babies alone. Tell us about that!”
			<i>[Multiple people laugh.]</i>
			We just—all we’d hear is like bubbles. We’d like, “Boop! Boop! Boop-boop! Boop!”
00:13:28	Biz	Host	Jaimie? Welcome to <i>One Bad Mother</i> .
00:13:31	Jaimie	Host	Thank you.
00:13:32	Biz	Host	Who lives in your house?
00:13:33	Jaimie	Host	So myself, as you know. My wife, Anne. My lady-friend, as Robin likes to say.
			<i>[Multiple people laugh.]</i>
			Our daughter, who’s six, Rose. Our son, who’s two, Orion. And that’s it. We just—we had a dog, but she just passed away recently. I’m so sorry!
00:13:52	Biz	Host	
00:13:53	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Jaimie: So that’s sad. I know. It’s very—yeah. Roxy.
			Robin: She’s hanging out with—she’s hanging out with Red. Our dead fish.
			Biz: Yeah. I am—
00:13:58	Biz	Host	Oh, Roxy! Good baby!
00:14:00	Jaimie	Host	Yeah. She’s cute. Anyway.
00:14:03	Biz	Host	So—
00:14:04	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Robin: Way to bring us down, Jaimie!
			Biz: Wait a second. I’m—
00:14:06	Biz	Host	But I’m more startled—wait! You guys are lesbians?! I’m just kidding.
			<i>[All laugh.]</i>
00:14:10	Jaimie	Host	I know.
00:14:11	Robin	Host	We’re like—are we?
00:14:12	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Jaimie: You’d never know!
			Robin: Oh, right! Right!
			Biz: What? What?!
00:14:14	Jaimie	Host	You’d never know. Then <u>that’s</u> the point.
00:14:18	Robin	Host	Other than the “wife” thing.
00:14:19	Biz	Host	Other than the “wife” thing. Alright. Let’s get into the podcast. <i>If These Ovaries Could Talk</i> . Take us back to... when... you guys came up with this, and how it’s grown!
00:14:33	Robin	Host	Alright. So Jaimie had some issues trying to get pregnant. So her wife was the first one to carry and then she wanted to carry and she was all, “Oh, this is gonna be easy-peasy!” Yeah. Cut to unexplained infertility. And then Jaimie weeping in a corner and acupuncture and getting books and like and then changing doctors. And she was like—and she couldn’t find <u>anywhere</u> —a podcast or a source or resource—where they were speaking to LGBTQ folks.

00:14:59	Biz	Host	<i>[Deadpan]</i> What? I'm so surprised.
00:15:00	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Robin: Right? Shocking!
			Jaimie: Yeah, right. Not even a website!
			<i>[Biz laughs.]</i>
00:15:02	Jaimie	Host	Not even a website!
00:15:04	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Biz and Robin: Yeah.
00:15:05	Robin	Host	Do you wanna cut in, Jaimie, or you want me to keep going?
00:15:07	Jaimie	Host	No, I just cut in. That was my two cents.
00:15:09	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Jaimie: Go ahead. You're doing good. You're doing good. Although I wasn't weeping in a corner. I love you. I was very strong. I was really strong throughout it all. I'm like a warrior. Okay, go ahead. Go ahead.
			Robin: No, I like it. You keep cutting in. I love it. Thanks, Jaimie. Thanks. You were in my story. In my story you stepped on the poop and you were weeping in the corner. Don't wreck our narrative. Okay. Okay.
			<i>[Biz laughs.]</i>
00:15:24	Robin	Host	A warrior who was weeping in a corner. And. So she has this idea, like, we'll create a podcast. And she was like, "Mm, Robin!" Now keep in mind, we don't know each other very well. We are in the same circle of lesbians, like you do.
			<i>[Biz laughs.]</i>
00:15:35	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Jaimie: Lesbians moms.
			Robin: And every once a year there's like this—
			Biz: A pod. <i>[Laughs.]</i>
00:15:39	Robin	Host	—gay family—it was a pod before pods. And there was this gay family picnic through the Gay & Lesbian Center and we would go once a year and that's where I would see Jaimie. I'd seen her probably three years. And she goes, "You wanna start this podcast?" And Jaimie didn't know that I had just finished like a creative project. I'd just finished up this like digital short series and I had like time on my hand and I was like, "Yeah, let's do this."
00:16:02	Jaimie	Host	This is where I have to cut in. This is where I have to cut in. 'Cause I knew—we're both entertainers. I'm from the acting world. Robin's from the acting world. I knew she was an actor. I knew we were in the same kind of stratosphere. Which is why I came to her about it. But I <u>didn't</u> know—
			<i>[Robin laughs.]</i>
			Like, I'm really good at like coming up with ideas and <u>never</u> acting on them? That's like kind of my mojo? That's what I do? That's how I live, right? I didn't realize that Robin is the <u>exact</u> opposite. So I came to her with this idea for a podcast 'cause I had just discovered podcasts so I was like, "Ooh, that would be fun!" And then we had—I met with her at her office for an hour. And we had 20 google docs made by that point. And we were talking about—well, we have to start a Facebook page. We have to start an Instagram page. We have to start a—dadadaddadadah. Okay. We're gonna get it all—

And I was like, ‘Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa. I wasn’t really gonna make this.’ And then that’s how this happened.

[Biz laughs.]

00:16:54 Biz Host
00:16:57 Jaimie Host
00:16:58 Robin Host
00:16:59 Biz Host

So you guys have become friends while making the show!

Yes.

Yeah.

Theresa and I didn’t really know each other at all. And so we became really good friends... through this. And I think that—it does make for a fun dynamic! Don’t you think? The like... you don’t know what may—the other person might be thinking when it comes to a topic! And I... I love that! I think that is a lot of fun! So you start the podcast. Did it turn out that— *[Laughs.]* This is such a dumb question. Did it turn out that it was needed? *[Laughs.]*

[All laugh.]

00:17:30 Robin Host

No. No. We did one episode and we shut it down! We were like, “Well, that was fun.”

[Jaimie laughs.]

00:17:36 Jaimie Host

No, it wasn’t needed at all. It was very needed, apparently. I mean, like, that’s the reason we made it. Honestly. We knew it was needed. We knew it was a void, because I went searching. She went searching. Even when we brought it up at the—‘cause what Robin didn’t mention is when I brought it up to Robin, we were at Cowgirl, the bar, where there was a kid-friendly space in the back.

[Robin laughs.]

00:18:07 Robin Host

I’m saying that in quotations ‘cause that’s what we did every picnic after the picnics. We didn’t really spend much time at the picnic. And we were like, you got a sense of this picnic. Let’s move. To the bar.

00:18:09 Jaimie Host

Yeah. So we all hung out—but what she didn’t mention is that we were with all of our other gay mom friends. It’s just a bunch of gay mom friends with our crazy kids. And even when we were talking about it at the bar, that it—first day, all of the moms chimed in and were like, “Oh my god, yeah! You have to do this! I’ll be on it! I’ll be on it!” And then that’s how we made our first season! So—

[Laughs.] Y’know, like, we wanna tell our stories! And so yeah.

There was a need. There was a need.

00:18:38 Biz Host

Well, turns out it’s good if you tell your stories.

00:18:41 Robin Host

Go figure!

00:18:44 Biz Host

So the focus of the podcast and the book—you guys used the term “non-traditional.” And I was wondering if you guys could define—for you—“non-traditional.”

00:18:57 Robin Host

I mean, it’s pretty much—wouldn’t you say, Jaimie, anybody other than like cis-heterosexual, y’know—

[Biz laughs.]

00:19:02 Jaimie Host

I’m gonna bring that word in that you never say, Robin, but you always have on the tip of your tongue. “Heteronormative.”

00:19:08 Crosstalk Crosstalk

Biz: Ooh!

Robin: God, I can never say it!

00:19:11	Jaimie	Host	<p>Jaimie: It's not heteronormative. It's any family that does not fit the heteronormative mold? And I—and Robin and I both hate saying terms like that because then <i>[inaudible]</i> on this—we don't do that. Like, that's why we say "not—" We actually—we came up with "non-traditional" 'cause we couldn't think of a better way to describe it.</p> <p><i>[Biz laughs.]</i></p> <p>And since we've started the podcast, we've heard from a bunch of folks better ways to say it. But we're sticking with—</p>
00:19:33	Robin	Host	We're sticking with it.
00:19:34	Jaimie	Host	"Non-traditional." Just because... we're non-traditional. I don't know.
00:19:40	Biz	Host	No, I like it, because it's broad. It's not as—it's not limiting. Which is incredibly nice.
00:19:49	Jaimie	Host	It's not your mom and pop family. It's not... y'know, there's so many families and it's not <u>just</u> —we're not talking just gay families, either! There's—there's single parent families. Grandparents. Go ahead, Robin.
00:20:02	Robin	Host	We had this woman, Liz, on the podcast in one of the early seasons. And she has—she's a single mom by choice who had a baby whose kid has—shares the same donor as one of my kids.
00:20:15	Biz	Host	And— Whaaaaat!
00:20:17	Robin	Host	<p><i>[Jaimie laughs.]</i></p> <p>Yeah, and it was a fantastic—like, and it was when we talked about our journey and like this—I mean, some of those families like vacation together. We haven't, but we see people when they come to town. But that's—she's a non-traditional family. And she's part of <u>our</u> non-traditional family. Y'know. It's—and so there's—it's a really broad tent. It's really interesting.</p>
00:20:32	Jaimie	Host	But also—the—we've had two single moms by choice. And maybe I'm wrong. Maybe there's more than that. But their journey has been even tougher than a lot of ours in the world, because single moms by choice are really, really persecuted in the world. It's crazy! Even that—even Liz. She had an episode—
00:20:51	Robin	Host	Oh god, that story!
00:20:54	Jaimie	Host	—where she was trying to get a passport for her son. He was a baby. And the guy who was issuing the passport, she didn't put a name as a father. She left it blank. And this guy wouldn't let her go. Wouldn't let her go. "No, he has to have a father. He <u>has</u> to have a father! You have to put a father's name down!" And she was like, "He doesn't have a father. He doesn't have a—" Like, she went back and forth with this guy for—like, 15 minutes she said.
00:21:15	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Robin: In front of her kid, by the way. In front of her kid.
			Jaimie: And finally—
00:21:19	Jaimie	Host	Biz: Nice. Yeah! And the <u>finally</u> she said—she broke down and said, "I don't know who the father is! Just put nothing!" I don't know what she said, but like—

00:21:24	Robin	Host	She said, "I don't know who the father is." And then the guy was like, "Okay. So now I can process it."
00:21:28	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Robin: Which—so he— Biz: "Slut." Jaimie: But he had to hear— Biz: <i>[Laughs.]</i> Sorry. I just, like—I mean—right. Which she's not. Right? Like— Jaimie: Exactly! He had to hear her admit that she's a slut. Basically. Jamie and Robin: No. She used a donor! It was a very intentional family. She did it on purpose. I know. Yeah. So. And—yeah. Even our other—the other single mom we interviewed, same issues. Same sort of issues that she had even in the medical world with trying to be a single mother by choice. Even though she was gay, and—but she didn't go that route. Anyway. But it's like, that's the thing. That's the thing, when we started the podcast we were talking a lot about the process of making our families and we realized really early on that these stories are the ones that need to be highlighted and told. Like, what people have to go through to make an intentional family and what we have to walk through. And what people don't know. Like, just people have <u>no</u> idea that there's no way for an LGBTQ family to be made without pain. Period, full stop. Without it? There's no accidents. Biz: Yeah. I know. I love it. Jaimie: None of us are accidents. Robin: Yeah. I mean, I love it. Not that you have to pay. <i>[Multiple people laugh.]</i> I love it that that— <i>[Laughs.]</i> "Ha ha!" You deserve it! You deserve it with your lifestyle choices and your lady-friends! <i>[Multiple people laugh.]</i> Uh, no. <i>[All laugh.]</i> God, people are just horrible. Robin and Jaimie: Yeah. We're not <u>not</u> trying. I wanna get us into an opportunity to talk more about some of these challenges. So the book... <i>If These Ovaries Could Talk</i> . It is <u>so</u> delightful.
00:21:39	Jaimie	Host	
00:21:43	Biz	Host	
00:21:44	Jaimie	Host	
00:22:00	Robin	Host	
00:22:23	Jaimie	Host	
00:22:26	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	
00:22:27	Biz	Host	
00:22:34	Robin	Host	
00:22:36	Biz	Host	
00:22:44	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	
00:22:45	Jaimie	Host	
00:22:47	Biz	Host	

00:22:57	Robin	Host	Yay!
00:22:58	Biz	Host	And at the same time—
00:22:59	Jaimie	Host	Thank you!
00:23:00	Biz	Host	It has a lot of information in it. And some of that information isn't necessarily like, <i>[through laughter]</i> "Hey! Come gather round!"
00:23:11	Biz	Host	<i>[Someone laughs.]</i> But it's worth it. So the first part of the book, you interview all these people. Sharing their difficulties and complications. Trying to plan their families. I guess you go into it thinking, "Oh, I probably know what everybody's gonna say." <i>[Laughs.]</i> And then... you're surprised!
00:23:30	Robin	Host	And you don't.
00:23:31	Biz	Host	So—yeah! And you don't! Yeah. Is there anything that you were like, "Wow. That's—"
00:23:37	Robin	Host	I mean, so many. So many. I mean, like—that whole first half is about how you're gonna do it and your path and like we just had, y'know, story after story—like, heartwarming stories. Heartbreaking stories. Like, y'know, a story of a family that lost a foster child to cancer. Story of two gay men who were like afraid of being out with their family. Afraid to travel. That someone was gonna think they took a child. Y'know, it's just like, heartwarming. Like y'know, just—but also like what people have to overcome. Like, Judy Gould's in the book talking about being on the first Rosie O'Donnell cruise and these families being together for the very first time and being able to be out as a family. Like, some of these people hid—this was the '90s—some of these people hid 51 weeks out of the year. I have goosebumps just like talking about it. Because it was so—like, and it's moving just talking about it again. Like, y'know. Go ahead, Jaimie.
00:24:33	Jaimie	Host	I also—no, I wanna say also—as triumphant and as harrowing as some of people's journeys were, it's also just—they were also just, there were a lot of normal journeys, too. No problems. Just—I mean, the only difference is they had to buy the sperm or they had to get the surrogate.
<i>[Robin laughs.]</i>			
And it went smooth and it was boom, boom, boom, boom, bow, and now I'm a parent. And I don't have hang-ups. Y'know, so it runs the gamut.			
<i>[Biz laughs.]</i>			
Y'know? Like, every family. And that's—I think that's the point. And we share that in the book. We share the families that went through difficult journeys and the families that had really easy journeys. And I think that's the beauty of it. And I think that's really just the point of this whole thing is—we're just like all of—we're just like everybody else! It's not different. And everybody knows that, too, I think, deep down.			
00:25:23	Biz	Host	Yeah, no. At this point, everybody should know that.
00:25:27	Robin	Host	Should. <u>Should</u> .
<i>[Biz laughs.]</i>			
00:25:30	Biz	Host	It's like... ugh! <i>[Laughs humorlessly.]</i>

00:25:32	Jaimie	Host	You would hope. You would hope. But yeah.
00:25:36	Biz	Host	So—no. Well, I wanna—let's talk just about that. One of the things that you say at the opening of your book is that you will also—the book will also serve sort of as a window into like the lesbian couple's house down the street. Right?
			<i>[Multiple people laugh.]</i>
			And I would—before reading the book, I was like—don't, again, don't pop this bubble for me. Everything's going <u>great</u> in there.
			<i>[All laugh.]</i>
00:26:04	Robin	Host	Everything is balanced and equal and wonderful!
00:26:05	Biz	Host	They talk a lot and they communicate!
			Yes! It's so great! And they eat a lot of fish? And have white wine?
			<i>[Multiple people laugh.]</i>
00:26:11	Jaimie	Host	I don't know!
00:26:14	Biz	Host	They do. They really do. And olives.
00:26:15	Jaimie	Host	And olives. Yes! And olives.
00:26:16	Robin	Host	We love olives.
			Do we?
			<i>[Multiple people laugh.]</i>
00:26:18	Biz	Host	With that—I do too!
00:26:20	Robin	Host	I don't. It's okay.
00:26:22	Jaimie	Host	No, Robin doesn't. I do.
00:26:23	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Robin: I don't like—I only like—
			Biz: One of you's not a lesbian.
00:26:26	Robin	Host	Jaimie: I—see? There ya go.
			Of those things, I only like the white wine. So that's fine.
			<i>[Multiple people laugh.]</i>
00:26:31	Biz	Host	Alright. So... along with peeping in your windows—
			<i>[Jaimie laughs.]</i>
			—there was also the talk of etiquette. Now, we on this show... have <u>many</u> opportunities to talk about garbage that falls out of people's mouths.
			<i>[Robin laughs.]</i>
			All the time. Even just the moment—if you go through the process of having—carrying a baby in your body, that just starts it right there. Y'know? It starts—it's just like—oh, are there children in your life? We get to <i>[through laughter]</i> talk all kind of garbage to you. And at you. So tell me a little bit about... the LGBTQ experience when it comes to that. Just so I can say, "Oh my god!"
			<i>[All laugh.]</i>

00:27:19	Jaimie	Host	<p>I think this is all very—well... people mean—don't mean anything when they say things. It's microaggressions. It's not—y'know, they don't realize what they're saying. And a lot of times the things that come to me from what people say are from some of my closest friends. That they just don't even realize what they just said. Even my mother, at one point, said something that I was like, "Are you kidding me?" But like—you hear, "So who's the real mom?" Or "Which one's the mom?" Or "Who's the mom of which one?" Which—we're both the moms. We're both the real moms! Doesn't matter who birthed the child. I'm the mom. That's how it goes. And also people will say—because in my family, my wife birthed my daughter and I birthed my son. With the same donor. So they share a genetic tie. But one of us doesn't share a genetic tie to one of the kids each? And people will say, like, if I'm having issues with my daughter—who I'm not genetically tied to—I've had <u>best</u> friends say, "Well, she's not yours." Or when I say, "Oh my god, he's so easy!" "Well, he's <u>yours</u>. That's why!" People say that. Well-meaning folks <i>[through laughter]</i> say the craziest things.</p>
00:28:36	Biz	Host	<i>[Biz laughs.]</i>
00:28:37	Jaimie	Host	It is crazy!
00:28:38	Robin	Host	<p>It is. But you're not thinking!</p> <p>But you know what's also interesting, too, is like—I—my wife is not genetically tied to either of the kids. I had both of them but they each have different donors. So they are, in essence, half-siblings and it's all very complicated and mixed up. But no one's ever said any of that to <u>me</u>. But I think Jaimie and I... like, that's part of what's amazing about the book? Is what's laid out is all these different experiences. From positive ones to negative ones to that. And Jaimie and I are both <u>really</u>, really open. And so like people will say dumb shit to us all the time and we're like, it's fine. You don't know what you're doing. I'll walk you through it.</p> <p>Like, I'm the blonde mom. That's the other one. People call me "Mary" all the time. I'm like, "Nope, that's the other one." Like, and it's fine. Like, y'know, I sign all the stuff to the school as "the blonde mom." Just so people—'cause they don't know how to separate us. So we're open and we're educators and it doesn't bother us. But there are <u>other</u> people in the community who—it <u>does</u> bother them.</p> <p>Or like, like we interviewed this one woman who had a—they adopted a biracial daughter. And the questions they would get were so loaded and she just said she felt like—she said, "Maybe if it's the first question that came to you, you should think that I've probably been asked that about a hundred times already." And she said she felt like a circus act. Like, people were like—a freak show. Like people were like, y'know, and she's like, "What is it you <u>really</u> wanna know?" And I think—I think the etiquette part of it that you were mentioning is like, what's your relationship to this person when you're talking to them? Like, what is it you really want? And like, what's the space in which you're talking? If you're having cocktails, like, just ask the question you wanna ask. I don't know.</p>
00:30:15	Jaimie	Host	<p>Do you wanna know if I feel as close to my daughter as I feel to my son? Ask me that! Right? I—it's okay! And that's <u>me</u>, though. That's not everyone. So it's... you gotta know your audience.</p>
00:30:27	Biz	Host	Yeah. Your audience. I agree!

00:30:31	Robin	Host	But isn't that just like anything else? Like, you have to monitor yourself at work. Like, don't be an idiot! Don't say dumb stuff! Like, y'know. How hard is that?
00:30:37	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Jaimie: But also—people—y'know, but also people have to learn.
00:30:42	Jaimie	Host	Biz: I don't know if you've been out in the world. <i>[Laughs.]</i> And, y'know, you gotta ask the questions. You're never gonna know if you don't ask the questions. Y'know, and don't come at it with hate.
00:30:51	Robin	Host	Yeah.
00:30:52	Jaimie	Host	Don't hate us!
00:30:53	Biz	Host	<i>[Robin laughs.]</i> I mean, I think that's what makes the forgiveness part easier? When you can tell it's just—I'm with you. Most of the time, they're harmless. There've been lots of times where I've made a joke to somebody, like at a bookstore or somewhere, and then I'm like, "Oh, wow. That could've come out—if she's having a bad day or if he's having a bad day, that's not gonna read well." Right? Like, and you're right. Things come from places of just—sometimes people just wanna say something?
00:31:58	Jaimie	Host	And sometimes they're genuinely interested, but that's just not how we're set up to communicate in this country. And... and I think... having that barometer of... "Is this just something I should respond to or is this something ugly?" I think—I think that that makes a huge difference! But we also say— <i>[Laughs.]</i> Don't forget—everybody's got something going on? <u>Especially</u> right now? And be prepared for somebody not to think you're cute! Y'know. When you ask something. Y'know? I also think that—it's all good. My—like—my mom—bless her heart, she's listening to this. I love you, mom. I love you to death. But she even said to me—I had a hard time getting pregnant, which Robin touched upon—my friend, who's the same age as me, became a <u>grandma</u> during the time when I was trying. <i>[Robin laughs.]</i> We're the same age. When I was trying. And my mom said to me—I told my mom, "Oh my god. She's pregnant. Can you believe it? I mean, her daughter's pregnant. Can you believe this?" And my mom said, "Oh my god, she's gonna be a mom before you are. I can't even—she's gonna be a grandma before you're a mom." And I said, "Mom, I'm a mom. I'm a mom!" Y'know? But also—
00:32:39	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Robin: Ohhh. Ohhh!
00:32:42	Jaimie	Host	Jaimie: I come—like, I don't—yeah. Exactly. But I don't judge my mom for that. I love my mom. She didn't know what she was saying. Everybody comes at it with your own ideas of... who people are. And even when I see another family out in the world, I have my own preconceived notions of who they are. Yeah. It's in my head. Sometimes it comes out of my mouth. What we have to do is be able to be like, "Oh my god, I'm so sorry."
00:33:06	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Jaimie: I know you're a mom!
			Robin: Just clean it up! Just clean it up. Clean it up! Clean it up!

00:33:11	Robin	Host	Biz: Yeah. Exactly. Yeah! Clean it up! Clean up your mess. Yeah, Jaimie and I made some mistakes early on in the early seasons. We made some mistakes, like, with guests. And we cleaned it up. And we learned. And we talked to people and we learned and we were like, "Okay. We won't do that again."
00:33:20	Biz	Host	Exactly. So! Part two of the book is after a baby is in your house. [Laughs.]
			[Multiple people laugh.]
			I do love the idea of just like, "Ding-dong! Baby!" Anyway. There's a baby in your house. Now what? So you talk about coming out as a family and all of these different topics. Was there anything—this is a sort of a personal—as a writer—the writers of this book as well as hosting this podcast. When you were revisiting your own stories, what—was there anything that suddenly you found yourself looking at differently or coming at differently once you started writing it or talking about it in this format? 'Cause you know, there's like—there's talking to your friend or telling the same story over and over again, and then you may have learned or have grown or have just experienced something else.
00:34:13	Robin	Host	Only in the sense that like we've had time to process all these stories as we've talked to each and every guest? So by the time we got to writing the book, I feel like it was just—we were compiling all the things that we had learned in these two years. Hence the second part of the title, <i>The Things We've Learned About Making an LGBTQ Family</i> . So it's like—like, for me, one of the—in the second half of the book, one of the chapters that <u>really</u> stands out that's like one of my favorites is "Being Out as a Family."
			And that chapter is <u>so</u> ... important because as a single person or just in a couple, without the kids, you can choose to hide. And you can be like—if you choose to pass or if you can pass, like it's not always possible for everyone, but if you can pass you can be like, "I don't know that I feel like talking about this right now. And I'm just gonna let the Uber driver think whatever he thinks. That yes, I have a boyfriend and he's very handsome." Like, I don't give a crap about what he thinks.
00:35:03	Jaimie	Host	Before kids.
00:35:04	Robin	Host	Yeah. But then once you have the kids, they're <u>always</u> watching. And hearing all these stories from people and thinking about my experiences of like, internalized homophobia that I had that I had to overcome. Like, I had to overcome that coming out as a gay person but then as a family member, too. Like, you <u>can't</u> not say "wife." You <u>can't</u> not say, like—
00:35:27	Jaimie	Host	Lesbian.
00:35:29	Robin	Host	Yeah. You can't not say any of these things and you have to like in the daycare setting you're interviewing and going, "How do you feel about same-sex couples?" Like it forces you to really confront yourself so that you can be the best person you can be for your kids. Y'know. I mean, we're still gonna go yell at them for other reasons? But like I'd have to try to model this.
00:35:47	Jaimie	Host	Yeah. Yeah, no. I'm on the same page as you, Robin. When we started this podcast, my main thing was just showing people how we make our babies because I went through infertility and I wanted

to just help people through the process. And I really didn't think I had much to say on any of these issues!

[Biz laughs.]

00:36:05 Robin Host

And I'd be like, Jaimie, you have plenty to say. I was like, Jaimie, you've got a lot to say. Don't worry about it.

00:36:08 Jaimie Host

Yeah. And then when we sat down to write our stories—or when I sat down to write my stories—I couldn't believe how much I had to say. It's really prevalent in my life. And so yes, what Robin said, yes, you have to be out and proud for your children's sake. And that's a very different thing than being childless gay person in the world. You don't—you can hide. We can hide. Not everybody can hide. And so that.

But also... there's one story that really stuck out to me when I was writing it. I don't remember what chapter it was. Robin might remember. But it's—my daughter had a kid kind of bully her for not having a dad when we were walking to school one day and she was goading her and goading her and the nanny that was walking with this kid finally like shut it down and said, "You know she doesn't have a dad. Stop messing with her." Y'know, and then it stopped and they started talking about poopoo like they normally do.

And then as I was writing the story... literally as I'm writing the story, I started thinking about the Pride Parade in New York that we had just witnessed. And how I realized that—y'know, it doesn't matter that there's not a man in my child's—there's not a father in my child's life. We have two parents that love her and everything. But also, we have the community. We have the LGBTQ community that is all of the... everything I love about humanity? In one thing.

It's love. It's acceptance. It's caring. It's colorful. It's eclectic. This is what I love. This is what I want to instill in my children. And so, no. I don't have a father figure. But I have a whole community. Behind us. Helping us raise our children. And my—when I ask my daughter, my six-year-old, what's your favorite day of the year? She says Pride. The Pride Parade. The Pride Parade.

00:37:55 Crosstalk Crosstalk

Robin: 'Cause we get to go to a bar called "Cowgirl."

Jaimie: Because—*[Laughs.]*

00:37:58 Biz Host
Crosstalk Crosstalk

Biz: Of course! Of course!

Yeah. We all go to a bar and we like get to—

Robin: And that is why. And that is what we instill in our children. And glitter.

Jaimie: There's rainbows everywhere. Y'know. Yeah, exactly.

00:38:06 Jaimie Host

Biz: There's fucking rainbows and unicorns. Absolutely! And that's—

[Biz laughs.]

I don't know! Like, I realized I had a lot to say, basically. And also... no matter how you raise your kids, as long as you're doing it with so much love and teaching them acceptance, you're doing a good job.

00:38:22	Biz	Host	Exactly. Yessss!
00:38:24	Jaimie	Host	And to be kind. I'll add that. Sorry.
00:38:27	Biz	Host	Just be fucking nice, everybody.
00:38:28	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Biz: Don't be a jerk.

Robin: Come on. Come on.

00:38:30	Robin	Host	Jaimie: Be kind!
00:38:32	Biz	Host	Just clean it up, for god's sakes! Clean it up!
			I know! Don't make us yell at you.

[Jaimie laughs.]

Ladies, thank you so much.

[Robin laughs.]

And I'm so glad you're sticking around for the genius and fail part of our show. Again, guys, the book is called *If These Ovaries Could Talk: The Things We've Learned About Making an LGBTQ Family*. And that is available for preorder and we will make sure that there is a link. Go get it! And please go listen to the podcast. It is a—you already know how much fun that's gonna be.

[Multiple people laugh.]

			By listening to this. Now... we will be right back with genius and fails.
00:39:07	Music	Music	"Ones and Zeroes" by "Awesome." Steady, driving electric guitar with drum and woodwinds.

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00:39:23	Music	Promo	Laid-back guitar music plays in the background plays in background of dialogue.
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00:40:42	Theresa	Host	Hey, you know what it's time for! This week's genius and fails! This is the part of the show where we share our genius moment of the
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			week, as well as our failures, and feel better about ourselves by hearing yours. You can share some of your own by calling 206-350-9485. That's 206-350-9485.
00:41:02	Biz	Host	Genius fail time. Thank you guys for joining us. I am going to start this week.
00:41:09	Clip	Clip	<i>[Dramatic, swelling music in background.]</i>
			Biz: Wow! Oh my God! Oh my God! I saw what you did! Oh my God! I'm paying attention! Wow! You, mom, are a genius. Oh my God, that's fucking genius!
			<i>[Biz and Theresa repeatedly affirm each other as they discuss their respective genius moments of the week.]</i>
00:41:24	Biz	Host	So... okay. We're about three weeks away from school. <i>[Laughs.]</i> "School." Quote-unquote. Learning from the house. And I was like, alright. I gotta get us back on some kind of routine. I have to at least <u>remind</u> them that it's not the Switch all day with me. 'Cause I will play the Switch all day with my children 'cause I am—
00:41:51	Jaimie	Host	That's a video game?
			<i>[Robin laughs.]</i>
00:41:52	Biz	Host	<i>[Makes beeping noises.]</i> Alright. Anyway. So— <i>[Laughs.]</i> So I've been slowly introducing different things, and this week I was like—alright. My six-year-old knows how to read but he won't do it.
			<i>[Multiple people laugh.]</i>
			So—and my daughter reads a ton. And so I'm just like, alright. But they're all screened out. So I'm gonna do one of those like library reading challenge charts. For two weeks. 'K? I am such a genius! So I—it's just—he has to read one book a day. 'K? Which is not a huge deal. My daughter has to read three chapters a day. Which for her? Not a big deal. And there'll be a kickoff prize. Kickoff like they do at the library. And then on Saturday—if you've done all your books—there will be another prize. 'K? And then at the end of the second week, there will be <u>another</u> prize. And—get this—you can read bonus books and bonus books will count towards something else exciting! Small prize. A few more? Extra TV or Switch time! A few more? Bigger prize. So I just wanna say—everybody in the house is reading because we are all incredibly competitive.
			<i>[Multiple people laugh.]</i>
			And so— <i>[Laughs.]</i> My children are As. They are— <i>[Laughs.]</i> They are type As across the board. So everybody's reading and that makes me very happy.
00:43:15	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Biz: So there ya go. Thank you! Thank you!
			Robin: Genius.
			Jaimie: Good for you! Good job! Good job!
00:43:18	Jaimie	Host	I think I need your model.
00:43:20	Biz	Host	I'm so amazing. So! <i>[Laughs.]</i>
00:43:22	Jaimie	Host	You are.
00:43:24	Biz	Host	By the way, I'm doing it <u>at</u> all of you. Okay. Robin, I believe you were gonna share a genius with us today.

00:43:30 Robin Host Yes. Alright. My genius is much—is very simple. And I call it “throwing money at it.” This week—I’m like looking over my shoulder ‘cause one of my kids is outside the door. But I sent one of my kids to a outdoor skateboard camp this week to get him out of the house. And I separated my children and there was no bickering from 9 to 3 four of the days this week. And I felt so good! It was just—it was just—like, just the idea that they were not—one of them, not in this house, separated, changed the whole energy! And it was just—like, I forgot my daughter was here at one point! I was like working in my son’s room, in the office, and I was just like, “This is fucking great!”

[Biz laughs.]

00:44:21 Crosstalk Crosstalk But it was so much money that we can’t do it again. But for one week only, I will live in the glory of the quiet.
Jaimie: That’s nice.

Biz: That is so good.

00:44:24 Biz Host **Robin:** Yeah.
00:44:31 Robin Host What is it like to—when your children can leave the house? Ever?
00:44:32 Biz Host I mean—
00:44:33 Robin Host Again.
00:44:36 Biz Host It was just really unbelievable.
00:44:37 Robin Host It’s like tasting chocolate for the first time, isn’t it?
00:44:38 Biz Host Yeah!
00:44:39 Robin Host Yeah.
00:44:43 Biz Host It’s like Doritos after a long diet. It was just—ooh. Just.
00:44:46 Crosstalk Crosstalk Yes! So good. You—you’re a fucking genius!
Robin: Thank you! Dammit, thank you!

00:44:51 Biz Host **Jaimie:** You are. You’re a fucking—you’re both fucking geniuses. I’ll tell you that.
00:44:54 Robin Host Yeah! Thank you! Let’s listen to somebody else be a fucking genius!
00:44:55 Caller Host Yes, please!
Caller *[Answering machine beeps.]*

Hi, Biz and Theresa! I’m calling with a genius today. But first I do just wanna say that you guys are both doing such a great job and I’m so impressed with the both of you handling this pandemic and life in general. But for my genius. Particularly low bar genius, but—

[Someone laughs.]

It’s a genius nonetheless. So my kid is two and a half, and he really likes to brush his teeth! And every day before nap, he has been asking to brush his teeth. And I—for some reason—was telling him, like, “No, we do that before bed. We don’t do that before a nap.” And then I realized—why not?

[Biz laughs.]

It gets my kid to brush his teeth, which is always a good thing. And I don’t know why I’m trying to fight this. So.

[Biz laughs.]

Now he brushes his teeth before his nap! And it's going great.

[Multiple people laugh.]

00:45:55	Biz	Host	So that's my genius for today. Thanks for the show!
00:46:05	Jaimie	Host	Yeah. Okay. You're right. Low bar genius. And those are the best
00:46:07	Biz	Host	bar geniuses, in my opinion. Because who's not broken right now?
			So broken.
			What I love about this genius is when you think about all the things
			you just say fucking no to instinctively? You're like, "No!" "Why?"
			"Because!"
00:46:15	Jaimie	Host	I can't even! I can't even anymore! Nope! 'Cause I said so! I'm
			saying that like it's my job.
00:46:19	Robin	Host	Or you're like, you dig in. And you're dug in and then you can't go
			back because you said "No" and now it's gonna be like they won.
			So it's like, I love that she caught herself and then she was just
			like—why not? And then she just reversed it! It's like she just like
			turned it around! She turned the car around and was like, "Yes, we
			can go get ice cream!" I love that!
00:46:38	Biz	Host	Yeah! Exactly! She—I'm like—I think I titled it "Genius: Why Not
			Brush?" <i>[Laughs.]</i>
00:46:44	Jaimie	Host	It's amazing.
00:46:45	Biz	Host	That's a good question, guys! Let's just continue to go ask
			ourselves that all the time. Why not? Why not brush?
00:46:50	Jaimie	Host	It's amazing.
00:46:51	Biz	Host	You're doing an amazing job. Now? Failures.
00:46:55	Clip	Clip	<i>[Dramatic orchestral music plays in the background.]</i>

Theresa: *[In a voice akin to the Wicked Witch of the West]* Fail.
Fail. Fail. FAIL!

[Timpani with foot pedal engaged for humorous effect.]

Biz: *[Calmly]* You suck!

[Biz and Theresa repeatedly affirm each other as they discuss their respective failures of the week.]

00:47:01	Biz	Host	Let me fail you, guys. Okay. I... should by this point know my
			children better that if I set up something like a book challenge? It's
			gonna go fucking south fast. Okay?

[Someone laughs.]

00:47:16	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	These two started negotiating—
			Biz: —right out of the gate.

00:47:17	Biz	Host	Robin: <i>[Sighs deeply.]</i> Negotiating.
			Before the first book was even read, it was, "What are the prizes,
			exactly? How many prizes are there? And like, do I get to choose
			between prizes? And what if I read like <u>20</u> books?" Like, my
			daughter comes in and she's like, "Uh, three chapters? I don't think
			I wanna do this." And then she picks up a book and she read the
			whole thing and she's like, "So what does this count as?"

[Multiple people laugh.]

And I'm like, "I don't—10? Extra bonus? God! I don't know!" And then that's gonna make the other kid mad 'cause the other kid's not gonna have read 10 bonus and then somebody's gonna wind up with more shitty prizes than the other one. And what's worse is I was so excited about kicking this off. And I was so sure that what I had ordered was coming that day.

[Robin laughs.]

And not... not two days later. I was like, "Kickoff prize!" And for my son I already had one, and I gave him his Bakugan little round toy thing. And Katy Belle's like—who's my 11-year-old—"Is my... kickoff... present... here?" And then I just like became the worst person in the world who did not have the—I was like, on Michael's and like—"What can I get to this house today? Like, right now?" Right? And we have a heat wave so—we have no air conditioning in the car so I'm like, "I'm not going out to get something." And like this poor child waited. She is such a nice—nice child. And it makes me want to give her 20 other small prizes? But like, it just... I walked into Stefan not 15 minutes after I'd announced this and was just like, "What the fuck. I hate this."

[Robin laughs.]

00:48:53	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	"I messed this up!" So...
00:48:56	Jaimie	Host	Biz and Jaimie: Yayyyy!
00:48:57	Robin	Host	You can never win!
			You really can't win. No—what is that? "No good deed goes unpunished"?
00:49:01	Biz	Host	Correct. Correct. I kinda just wanna take the prizes and be like,
			<i>[through laughter]</i> "Here's your fucking prizes."
00:49:07	Robin	Host	And the negotiating—the absolute lawyering drives me insane.
			Just—I offered you a thing. How about this? What if I do this? But no! I offered—I'm like, then don't be in the competition.
00:49:16	Biz	Host	Yeah! Don't be in the competition! You get what you get and you don't get upset! That's right! Alright. Jaimie?
00:49:22	Jaimie	Host	Well, gosh. I have so much to—
00:49:24	Biz	Host	You get to fail!
00:49:25	Jaimie	Host	Well, okay. So the original fail story I had I wanna share it. But I also just wanna be like, listen. My two-year-old son—we're on vacation this week? I'm pretty sure he hasn't brushed his teeth this <u>entire</u> week.

[Robin laughs.]

00:49:41	Biz	Host	So there's that. That's a fail.
00:49:42	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	That's a good one! That's a classic!
			Biz: That's a classic fail!
			Jaimie: Unless my wife did it.
00:49:44	Jaimie	Host	When she put him to bed.

[Robin laughs.]

00:49:45	Biz	Host	Maybe.
00:49:46	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Jaimie: I don't know. 'Cause we didn't ask each other—
00:49:49	Jaimie	Host	Robin: Coulda happened.
00:49:50	Biz	Host	—so that's also a fail.
00:49:52	Jaimie	Host	Those aren't forever teeth. <i>[Laughs.]</i>
			Yeah, I mean, it's okay. He's okay. Also, my daughter—my six-year-old—she's the tough one. She's the hard one. And I'm sorry. I'm sharing a lot of fails and I hope that's okay.
			<i>[Multiple people laugh.]</i>
			She thinks that she should get a prize for every little stupid thing she does. And it was raining. It's been—it's rained nonstop two days on this dang beach vacation and we're here with another family. So we—I had to get—and my wife was working. I had to get the kids out of the house so I brought 'em to the—it's a freaking plague outside. It's a pandemic and I took 'em to the dang Build-A-Bear factory.
00:50:30	Biz	Host	No! <i>[Laughs.]</i>
00:50:31	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Jaimie: I did! 'Cause I didn't know what else to do! I didn't know what to do! So it just really—
00:50:37	Jaimie	Host	Biz: Good job! I know! It's a new bear.
			Like, really it just emphasized the fact that the child should get a toy no matter what she does. Then I took her to the store the next day and she just needed to get a Clif bar, which is ridiculous.
			<i>[Robin laughs.]</i>
00:50:50	Biz	Host	And I can't tell you—
00:50:51	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Yeah. Who does she think she is?
			Robin: Clif bar.
00:50:52	Jaimie	Host	Jaimie: Who does she think she is?
			I can't tell ya how I laid into her about this damn Clif bar. I laid into her—
			<i>[Biz laughs.]</i>
			— <u>so</u> hard because it was like a build-up of all the things I've given her? I've done everything for you! This whole vacation has been about you! For—y'know, and I laid into my child about a stupid Clif bar. But what I really—listen. What I <u>really</u> wanted to share—
00:51:14	Robin	Host	<i>[Multiple people laugh.]</i>
			I'm so scared for where this is going 'cause I don't know how you feel, but it's like winding up.
00:51:21	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Jaimie: It never ends! No. What I—No.
			Robin: You should be scared.
00:51:24	Jaimie	Host	Biz: Oh, I'm ready! I'm ready.
00:51:28	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	And this is more like a... inside thing.
			Biz: Personal? A deep personal—

00:51:31	Jaimie	Host	Jaimie: Personal. A deep—a deep mom thing. I’m anxiety mom. I don’t know if you know anxiety mom, but I am that mom. I’m the—I can’t do the playground. I can’t do the things where they do crazy dare defying crazy stuff. And we’re at the beach, which is anxiety mom’s worst nightmare.
00:51:46	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Biz: The ocean’s gonna take ‘em away!
00:51:50	Biz	Host	Jaimie: Ooh! It’s bad. <i>[Laughs.]</i>
00:51:52	Jaimie	Host	I know! <i>[Laughs.]</i>
00:51:53	Biz	Host	And I—
00:51:56	Jaimie	Host	I know! I know, Jaimie! <i>[Laughs.]</i>
			Oh, it’s the worst place in the world for anxiety mom. And the first day we went to the beach, that was days ago, the waves were crazy. They were curtains. It was huge. It was crazy. And everybody was like, “Get in! Get in! Get in!” And I’m not getting in.
			<i>[Biz laughs.]</i>
			I’m not getting in! And I feel like I instilled a fear of the ocean into my children. So much so that my daughter was in with our friends who... she takes Roseanne and she brings her in the waves and they do the whole thing and it’s been for years that they’ve done it. She got pummeled. They got pummeled. ‘Cause like I said, the waves were curtains. They got pummeled. And now my daughter’s afraid of the ocean.
00:52:36	Biz	Host	Yeah. Well that’s your fault.
00:52:38	Jaimie	Host	And I really do feel like it’s my fault, Biz!
00:52:41	Biz	Host	I know you do. You’re—okay.
			<i>[Robin laughs.]</i>
			Yes. And I—because this is the fail portion, I get to tell you that you’re <i>[through laughter]</i> doing a horrible job.
00:52:49	Jaimie	Host	I am. I am.
00:52:50	Biz	Host	And—
00:52:51	Jaimie	Host	I know.
00:52:52	Biz	Host	That everybody’s judging.
			<i>[Multiple people laugh.]</i>
			Like, <u>everybody</u> ... is judging. And you should listen to that voice. But simultaneously—there’s lots of other ways—
00:53:03	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	Biz: —we’re totally destroying our children’s self-worth. So. Y’know.
00:53:07	Biz	Host	Jaimie: I mean, yeah. I’m destroying ‘em in so many ways.
00:53:10	Crosstalk	Crosstalk	And what’s wrong with being terrified of waves?
			Jaimie: Agreed. Agreed.
			Robin: Healthy fear. Healthy fear.
			Biz: There ya go.
00:53:13	Jaimie	Host	Agreed.
00:53:14	Caller	Caller	<i>[Answering machine beeps.]</i>
			Hi! I’m calling with a fail. Today is my birthday. My mother-in-law sent me a card and in that card—as she always does—she

included a bunch of sheets of stickers that she got for free in the mail from various places that want her to donate money. And of course I knew the stickers were really for my three-year-old, but I was being silly opening my card over breakfast and trying to be a fun mom and I took a whole sheet of stickers and stuck them all over my face. And then handed the rest of the stickers to the three-year-old, who, of course, proceeded to stick them all over his face. And as I went to peel them off of my face, I thought they seemed like they were kinda difficult to get off. I wonder how long they've been sitting in my mother-in-law's desk drawer.

[Biz laughs.]

00:54:02 Robin Host
00:54:03 Caller Caller
00:54:05 Robin Host

Oh no!
Later I go to pick the stickers off my three-year-old's face—
Oh no.

[Various sounds of sympathy and horror from all three hosts as she describes the outcome.]

00:54:06 Caller Caller

Screaming. They're leaving, like, gigantic red welts in the shape of the stickers all over his face. There were so many tears. It was such a terrible fail. Happy birthday, me. You're doing a great job.

00:54:21 Biz Host

Ohhhh. This is so good. Like, I almost wanna save this for a genius fail spectacular? But at the same time... we need this right now. I—I like that it started with "I'm gonna—" *[Laughs.]* "I'm gonna try and be a fun mom!" Like— *[Laughs.]*

00:54:39 Robin Host
00:54:41 Biz Host

Like, don't even try. Just don't even try.
Don't—like, the best laid plans from just trying to be a little fun. And there's like nothing worse than like—Ellis's—my son's skin, you cannot put a sticker on it. Y'know, you go to the stupid grocery store and they're like, "Would you like a sticker?" And like, Trader Joe's stickers might be alright? But like, my local Ralph's, which is like a Kroger's or whatever—they would stick that on his hand without permission and then you would—could not get it off! And like for days. Even if the main sticker was off, the adhesive was still there? And like, talk about ruining somebody's life. This child will not use a band-aid.

[Robin laughs.]

And now everything is just a big open wound. But that's okay.

[Multiple people laugh.]

I've made them so scared about life they never get hurt. Anyway.

[Laughs.]

00:55:26 Robin Host
00:55:27 Jaimie Host
00:55:28 Biz Host

00:55:38 Crosstalk Crosstalk

They don't leave the bubble.
Me too! Me, too.
So I imagine the face. You have to do it, and there's no, like, soaking the face! You can't like be like, "Soak your face."
Jaimie: Oh, poor baby!

00:55:42 Biz Host
00:55:43 Crosstalk Crosstalk

Biz: You can't—
I am so sorry. Poor mama! *[Laughs.]*
Robin: She just—she was just trying to have like one fun silly moment in the midst of this crap.

Jaimie: You know. I agree. Poor mama. Yeah.

Biz: I know.

00:55:50 Robin Host And the universe just slapped her right in the face. That's what that felt like.

00:55:52 Jaimie Host You just can't win as a mom! You can't fucking win! You can't win!

00:55:57 Biz Host You're doing a horrible job having fun.

[Multiple people laugh.]

00:56:01 Music Music "Mom Song" by Adira Amram. Mellow piano music with lyrics.

You are the greatest mom I've ever known.

I love you, I love you.

When I have a problem, I call you on the phone.

I love you, I love you.

[Music fades out.]

00:56:25 Music Promo Cheerful ukulele music with whistling plays in background.

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[Music fades out.]

00:57:54 Promo Clip **Music:** Sophisticated electronic/string music.

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[Music stops.]

Travis McElroy: Hello, internet! I'm your husband host, Travis McElroy.

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[Music fades back in.]

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Teresa: Manners shmanners. Get it?

[Music ends on a bright chord.]

00:58:35 Promo Clip

Music: Fun, cheerful, soft music.

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[Audio suddenly slows and cuts off.]

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Speaker 2: Specialist Bovine Arsefat—

Speaker 3: Both of his eyes are squids' eyes.

Speaker 4: Yogurt buffet.

Speaker 5: She was married to a bacon farmer who saved her life.

Speaker 6: Farm-raised snow leopard.

[Strange electronic audio.]

[Beginning audio returns]

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00:59:17 Biz Host

Well... I hope you guys are enjoying this four-hour *One Bad Mother* because I could talk to Robin and Jaimie all day! And I did. I talked to them *[through laughter]* for a very long time 'cause that was so much fun. *[Singing]* I want them to be my new best friends! *[Regular voice]* Speaking of people I could listen to all day, and new best friends, let's listen to a mom have a breakdown.

00:59:45 Caller Caller

[Caller becomes increasingly weepy as her breakdown progresses.]
[Answering machine beeps.]

Hi, Biz and Theresa. Long time listener, first time caller. This is a rant and it's gonna be a doozy, I think. *[Laughs.]* Um... I know I'm so lucky in so many ways but today's just been like, how are we all supposed to handle this? I was in what was supposed to be a career development conference for my work today, all day, which

was—I mean, it's *[inaudible]* day off for that, right? And my boss encouraged us to do it.

But I mean I was interrupted like a million times because I have a six-year-old and a one-year-old and I don't understand now... I'm supposed to develop my career and maybe...? And it seems like other people are able to do it with kids and I just don't feel like I can and I just totally feel stuck where I am.

And then I had to take a break because my one-year-old was just so active and he is such a sweetheart but I am like constantly running after him and I can't look at the computer and be running after him at the same time and *[sniffs]* so I just had to take a break from the conference to take him for a walk so we went to the park and I sat down for a second on the blanket. Of course he never sits down. And he's just off a little bit away from me and I'm looking at him and I see him pick something up and I don't think too much of it and of course it *[through laughter]* turns out to be some dog poop, which seems like a total epic fail and it was. At least he didn't put it in his mouth.

01:01:21 Caller

Caller

And then we come home and I try to put him down for a nap and he won't sleep. I think he's transitioning to one nap a day, so that means even less time for me to do work. And I'm supposed to be on this special ed town hall with—for my school district because my six-year-old's on the autism spectrum. And nobody knows what's gonna happen in the fall. And I—y'know, I just had this hope that he was gonna be back at school and that I was gonna be able to work when he was at school, and of course now it's all remote so it's like I'm gonna have to be sitting next to him and helping him with his schoolwork.

And at the same time I get a contract from our daycare because they're reopening, but it's just *[inaudible]* because they're doing shortened hours because of COVID. So it's literally impossible for me to drop the baby off and have my other son in homeschool at the same time. It's just—the schedule just does not work. And my husband can't help with drop-off or pickup, because, y'know, he has to be available for his work all the time because he owns a small business and he just... won't ever make any allowances.

So it's like I'm always the one having to make the compromises for my job. And I just was like, "Oh, the baby will be back in daycare and my six-year-old will be back in school. Something will happen so that I have time." And neither of those things looks like it's gonna be able to happen. And I just don't know how anyone is supposed to do this. And a lot of the people at my work seem to be just enjoying the fact that they can work from home and nobody is talking about the fact that they're struggling and maybe that's because no one wants to say that they're struggling 'cause they're worried they're gonna lose their jobs if they say that.

But I am struggling. Oh god. Thank you so much for having this hotline. I don't know if any of this is coherent, but you're doing a great job. And thank you for everything that you do. Bye-bye. You are doing... such a good job. And... it sounded coherent to me. And it is impossible. You're being asked to do something that is

01:03:33 Biz

Host

actually... not... possible. You cannot be in three places at the same time. You—you cannot. That is. Not possible. *[Laughs.]* And you've got a six-year-old and—was it a two-year-old? A one-year-old? That is—that is a baby! You—I—I—I—I—I—I—I—I—I remember Ellis. Ellis was a mover. I can remember being at like school events for Katy Belle and I could not understand how people were sitting with their kids in their laps. I—like a shark—was always moving around the auditorium or around the classroom with Ellis. 'Cause you couldn't just hold him.

01:05:33 Biz Host

And that alone is exhausting. You have that in your house and that is exhausting. It is... ridiculously unfair. That this is falling all on you. And I am not even just talking about the dynamic in your household. Everybody? This is unfair that it's falling on us! Okay? The uncertainty is unfair. The fact that we have so many children in this country who require special needs. Okay? They require special attention. And they deserve it. And they deserve a good education and they deserve all the tools to be made available to them. And you—as a person in the world—deserve to be able to both work and have children in your house. Okay? How are we supposed to teach our kids at home? How are we supposed to manage this? You are correct! It is impossible! Of course you're struggling! We are all struggling. It is a joke. Okay? It doesn't mean that there won't be days where there is success. And it doesn't mean that this is going to be how it is forever. But it is okay to acknowledge the days in which the struggle is too much. Okay?

01:07:27 Biz Host

You are not alone. At all. The problem with—*[sighs.]* With the situation that we all find ourselves in right now is... there's this added level of isolation and an added level of so much we're trying to process and balance and think about? All at the same time? That it is really hard to see like even one inch in front of us. To even have the time to think about how not-normal it is. To even think about... the fact that ya can't possibly be the only person who is dealing with this. Because when do you have the time to have that thought? And... I'm just gonna tell you that you're doing a remarkable job. Because you need to hear it. 'K? You are doing... such a good job. And I see you? I really see you. Okay? What did we learn today, guys? *[Singing]* Lesbians are just like us! *[Regular]* Except they're lesbians. *[Laughs.]* And by "us" I mean... me? I don't know. *[Laughs.]* 'Cause there's a diverse group of people who listen to this show. *[Laughs.]* So saying "just like us" is not accurate. Oh my gosh. Robin and Jaimie are a delight. And their book is so insightful and helpful and... it just makes you feel not alone.

01:08:34 Biz Host

Even if you are not a member of the LGBT community, I guarantee you, you will find moments in this book that you relate to and that you can share. Especially if you have had to go non-traditional routes in getting a kid in your house. Everybody? You're doing such an amazing job. I appreciate you going with me today as I got all riled up about things that make me crazy that we have to cover sometimes. *[Laughs.]* So thank you. You're all doing great. I was saying to Stefan the other day—like, it just kind of hit me and it's always dumb when something hits me that's so obvious. We went from spring of last year—all of us—we went from the

pandemic beginning. All of us having to make these huge changes in our lives. In how we work; how we live; who we see; where our—what our kids are doing; how we balance this? And then it was summer! Without camps! Without daycare! Without babysitters!

And now we are rolling back into school. And—with no break!
[Makes flabbergasted noise.] You're just supposed to like—are you supposed to be used to it now? Well, I'm not used to it. And so... it is the right feeling— *[Laughs.]* If you are feeling like you're not sure what you're supposed to be doing. No one knows what they're supposed to be doing right now. If you do know what you're supposed to be doing right now, for the love of god, please call the Hotline and tell us. Because I need serious direction. And I am not being facetious here. Okay? *[Laughs.]*

I know you wouldn't be doing it at me. I am all out of ideas. And we all are finding that we have to push our comfort zones in ways we do not want to to make it work in the areas that we live in. And... I see you. And... let's go see each other. Let's help where we can help. And let's take space where we can take space. You're doing a remarkable job. And I will talk to you guys... next week. Bye!
"Mama Blues" by Cornbread Ted and the Butterbeans. Strumming acoustic guitar with harmonica and lyrics.

01:10:25 Music Music

*I got the lowdown momma blues
Got the lowdown momma blues
Gots the lowdown momma blues
The lowdown momma blues
Gots the lowdown momma blues
Got the lowdown momma blues
You know that's right*

01:10:50 Biz Host

[Music fades somewhat, plays in background of dialogue.]
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