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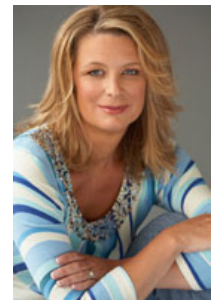
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Editorial Review

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Amazon Exclusive: Kristin Hannah Reviews *Not My Daughter*

Kristin Hannah is the *New York Times* bestselling author of 18 novels, including *Firefly Lane*, *On Mystic Lake*, *Between Sisters*, and *True Colors*. She is a former lawyer turned writer and is the mother of one son. She and her husband live in the Pacific Northwest and Hawaii. Read her exclusive Amazon guest review of *Not My Daughter*:



In this compelling, ripped-from-the-headline offering from bestselling author Barbara Delinsky, three high school seniors make a pregnancy pact. Heightening the stakes, these aren't just any seniors--these are three popular, college-bound girls from good families. Set in an insular, tightly knit community in Maine, *Not My Daughter* explores the consequences of pact behavior on a small town, as well as the strain placed on mothers and daughters who find themselves in unfamiliar terrain. One of the pregnant teens is the daughter of the high school principal--a former teen mother herself--and the local school board is quick to assign blame. When the national media gets wind of the story, the principal's job is put in jeopardy, as is her standing in the community. *Not My Daughter* is a timely exploration of teen motherhood and the hard choices that sometimes have to be made in life. Barbara Delinsky, long known as one of the premier authors of women's fiction, once again reveals the hidden strengths of ordinary women when faced with extraordinary adversity.--*Kristin Hannah*

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From Publishers Weekly

Delinsky proves once again why she's a perennial bestseller with this thought-provoking tale of three smart, popular teenage girls who make a pact to become pregnant and raise their babies together. Lily, Mary Kate, and Jess also happen to be the daughters of best friends Susan, Kate, and Sunny, and the mothers are thrown into a tailspin by this unexpected news. Susan, the principal of the town's high school, has the most to lose, when the schools superintendent and editor of the local newspaper question her abilities as a leader and mother, and other parents prove quick to blame her—a single mother herself who got pregnant as a teenager—as a poor role model. But all three women must come to grips with where they failed as mothers, how the dreams they had for their daughters are disappearing, and scathing smalltown judgment. Timely, fresh, and true-to-life, this novel explores multiple layers of motherhood and tackles tough questions. (*Jan.*) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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When Susan Tate's 17-year-old daughter, Lily, reveals that she is pregnant, Susan is absolutely stunned. Her daughter has always been bright and responsible, active in sports and school activities and excited about the prospect of attending college. Then Susan learns that Lily's two best friends are also pregnant; it seems they made a pact over the summer. Since Susan is the principal at the girls' high school, she quickly becomes the lightning rod for parental fears as the town absorbs the shocking news. Susan's background as a young single mom herself is now being used against her as parents struggle to distance themselves and their children from the problem. Despite all the hard work she has put into forging a career, Susan is being labeled as a bad mother and a poor role model. Lily, unaware of how her own actions would impact her mother's career, is reeling from all the turmoil when she receives the news that her baby is suffering from a serious medical problem. Popular author Delinsky brings a much lighter hand to the tough social issues that Jodi Picoult regularly tackles in her hard-hitting novels. Prominent subplots involving knitting and Susan's idyllic romance with Lily's globe-trotting, absent father balance out the emotional angst in an absorbing story that will appeal to the author's substantial fan base. --Joanne Wilkinson

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