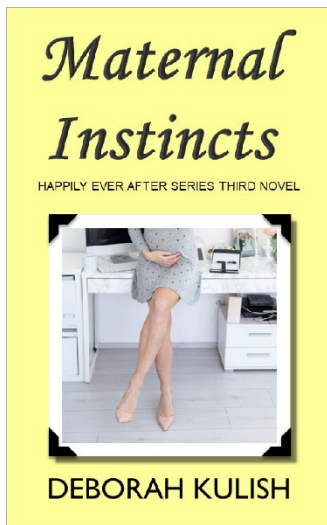


Maternal Instincts

by Deborah Kulish



About the Book

A great career, married, and pregnant, Jan Nichols felt like she was living the dream. With so many families and friends to help support her through a risky pregnancy, she was excited to start a new chapter in her life—motherhood.

With Jan Nichols' career was at an all-time high, the last thing in the world she wanted was for her husband's family company to be destroyed. So, when the bad guys threaten to shut them down, she has to find out who is behind the false accusations and put a stop to it. But, when the stress from all the extra work threatens Jan's pregnancy, who can she count on to help her get through it all?

What she didn't expect was to have to choose between her career or her family, to play referee between her mother and stepmother-in-law, and to stop a government agency from shutting down her husband's family company. But, when the threat of ending her family's livelihood sends Jan into labor a month early, she needs to know who can she trust.

The Happily Ever After series is one woman's journey in love, business, marriage, motherhood, and gracefully aging. And, just like everyone else, she can't go back and rewrite her story. Follow Jan Nichol's love story with the entire series of books; *Life Changing*, *Moonlighting Bride*, *Christmas Runaway*, *Maternal Instincts*, and *Age Related*.

Discussion Guide

1. Throughout Jan's risky pregnancy, she pushes herself at work despite being told by her doctor to avoid stress. Do you think she should have followed the doctor's orders? Was she negligent to put her career first over the health of the baby? Have you ever had to follow a doctor's orders for any reason? Was it that easy to do or difficult?
2. Was Jan being discriminated against at work when her teammates made fun of her and used the baby's sex as a game for making bets?
3. Is Jan's husband supportive during her pregnancy? Why or why not? What are some examples of Rob being supportive or not supportive?
4. Were Jan's parents in the right to give their "grandson" a new vehicle so their daughter could keep her roadster?
5. Do you think Jan and Rob will make good parents in the long run? What examples in the story indicate your position?
6. Did the story represent the legal process realistically?
7. Why do you think Jan finally accepted Denise's help with her house and baby? Did she do it because of laziness, or did she finally come to love and appreciate her stepmother-in-law?
8. At the end of the first chapter, Monica states, "Come to think of it, you guys were pretty clueless given all the signs." Should Jan and other members of Nichols Construction Company have taken notice, given the media headlines and sedans following them? What could they have done differently to avoid prosecution?
9. Does the story do a good or bad job of depicting life with a new baby, career, family, and extraneous issues? Did Jan handle the out-of-control situations well with her baby? Is there anything that could be added or left out of the story to make it more realistic?

10. Do Jan's family and friends do a good job of supporting her throughout her pregnancy in the story? Do you think it was Jan's influence that her friends all became pregnant after she did? Or is it just women being women hearing their clocks tick and deciding it's time?
11. At the end of chapter two, Jan allows herself to pass gas while lying in bed. The story indicates she did so because her husband was not in the room. Do women cause themselves discomfort, even while pregnant, to present themselves as flawless in front of their husbands or other men? Is it unrealistic for women to never express their discomfort to their significant others?
12. As the third novel in the Happily Ever After series, does Jan Nichols transform throughout the book? Does she give the impression she's in denial of her upcoming birth? Does any of the other characters in the story change? Which characters and what are examples in the story to support your opinion?
13. Did the story's ending meet your expectations? Were you anticipating something else for an ending? If so, what did you want to happen and why?
14. Anticipating the future, what do you think will happen to Jan Nichols and her family and friends next? Does she stay married and ditch her friends? Or ditch her marriage and keep her friends? Will you read the next book in the series, *Age Related*, to find out?

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