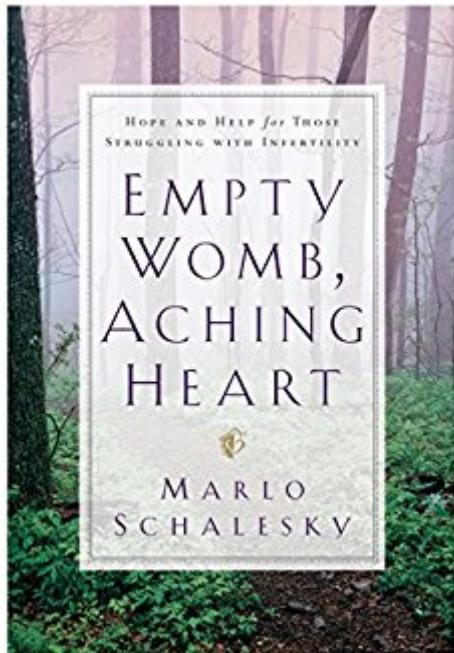


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# Empty Womb, Aching Heart: Hope And Help For Those Struggling With Infertility



## **Synopsis**

Hope and Help For Those Struggling With Infertility When the professional advice isn't enough, and you've had your fill of well-meaning comments from those who haven't experienced infertility, Marlo Schalesky wants you to know you are not alone. The true stories she tells of couples who share your hopes, fears, frustrations, and the comfort only God can bring will encourage your heart. Infertility strikes at the core of what it means to be a woman or man, tests marriages, and shakes faith. The honest, open, and emotionally resonant first-person stories in Empty Womb, Aching Heart will touch your life--as you "cry in the diaper aisle," wonder if you "are less of a woman," ask "How far should we go?" or whisper to God, "It's not fair."

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## **Customer Reviews**

Someone I had just met recommended this book to me. I downloaded a sample and was hooked! Finally, here was something supportive for people suffering through infertility. I was in a dark place after 4 years of not being able to get pregnant, and this book made me feel connected with people

who shared the same feelings, hopes, and dreams as me. This book has also strengthened my relationship with God, and for that I will be forever grateful! I bought a copy of this book for my friend, who is also struggling through infertility and recommended it to my OBGYN! Thank you, thank you, thank you for this book!

For someone suffering with infertility, I was looking for anything and everything to help me cope with the fact that I will likely never have a child of my own. This book was the perfect read. It was full of stories and life lessons on how others have coped with their own infertility. The words in this book have helped me to learn to deal with the things that I am going through. It is good to hear advice from people who are or have gone through similar things. The words in this book have helped me in ways that one could not imagine.

We waited for 9 years for children. Praying. Waiting. Hurting. Waiting. Much of our identity was lost in the barrenness. This book was a life-changer. We got it year six, and wished we had year one. It answered a lot of questions. The Lord used it to help us understand that we are a family with or without children. We didn't have to wait on life because we were waiting on children. We bought this for a couple who wears the shoes we wore for 9 years. We know the Lord will use it greatly in their life to meet some needs only the barren can understand.

This book showed me I wasn't alone. This was the only book I read about infertility that actually made me feel like there were other people out there like me. It doesn't try to give you quick fixes for infertility (because there are none), it isn't a science or a medical book. It is a book that touches the human heart. I sobbed through most of the book because every single story in this book resonated with me. They are all true. About real men and women. And they all touched my heart.

This book helped a lot with my bitterness towards myself for the problems I have and also helped me come to terms with the fact that I may never have children. I will tell others about this book so that they may also feel a sort of relief.

This book is not for the faint hearted. These are real people with their hearts and lives exposed. They do show how they found peace and what that looked like for them but you will still need a box of tissues on standby if you aren't made of stone, and certainly if like me you have had any kind of brush with the reality of infertility, and mine was but a glancing brush compared to most of these

stories you will ache with these wonderful couples as they take you on their journey. If you are having infertility issues it does help you to know that you aren't the only one in the world and that may be of some comfort to you but this book is not a book of easy answers to hard questions. Some of the hard questions will remain but there is a glimmer of hope and peace.

This is an excellent book for those struggling with infertility or miscarriages. It is also a good one to read for those who want to understand what others may be going through. It is well written, in a way that holds the interest of the reader, with short stories woven in here and there. I have found this to be my favorite as a gift for friends who are struggling with issues we struggled with at one time.

This book was very helpful in dealing with an issue that can be very stressful on a couple who is facing the same situations. It gave advice and suggestions and helped me learn to cope with certain situations.

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