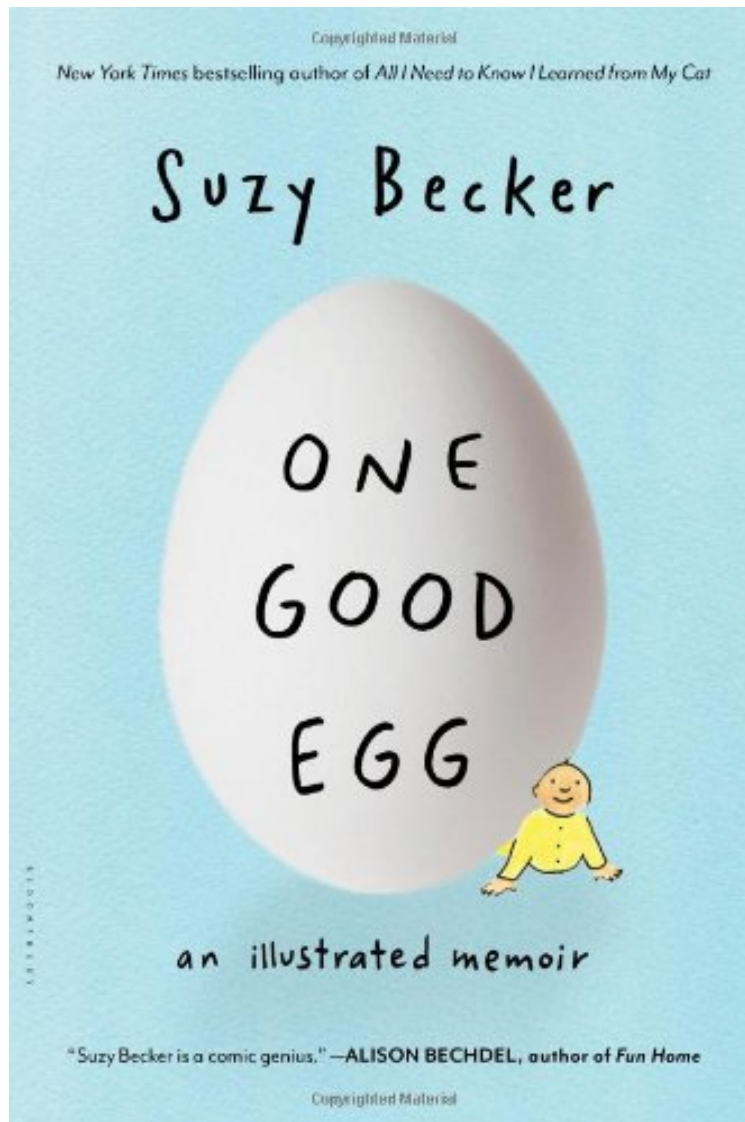


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Suzy Becker : One Good Egg: An Illustrated Memoir before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised One Good Egg: An Illustrated Memoir:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Much needed!By Augusta Rohrbach7 million people are infertile, but no one wants to write about it....so THANK YOU SUZY BECKER!!! For those who have first-hand knowledge and experience with infertility treatments, you will be so relieved to be able to laugh at the many ups and downs that everyone goes through. For those who know and want to support someone going through infertility treatments, this will be your guide to understanding the many ways in which your support matters!2 of 2 people found the following

review helpful. Brilliant, unique, funny and wonderful from start to end. I loved this book and have been recommending it to everyone I know. The author's use of humor in both text and drawings is nothing short of amazing. It is a rare gift to be able to recount such a painful and stressful moment in life with clarity, insight and humor. Suzy Becker writes with such skill I was pulled into the narrative from the first paragraph and I didn't want it to end. When I finished the book I started reading the first chapter again and I was drawn into the story all over again. Honest, wise, wonderful book!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Love Suzy Becker So Much I'd Read Her Shopping List

By Jo-Ann Mapson

Suzy Becker takes on a subject that is often heartbreaking for most people (infertility) and makes it a lively, entertaining journey to having a baby, illustrated with her trademark humorous drawings, and print observations. I met her just before my first novel was published, and discovered the most amazing person/artist/educator ever put on this earth. I urge readers who are interested in relationships, struggles to have a child, and of course anyone who wants to laugh in a bittersweet way, to buy this book. Loved it.

For the first twenty-three years of her life, Suzy Becker was sure she would have at least two babies. Then it took another fifteen years to decide to go ahead and have just one. *One Good Egg* is the funny, warmhearted story of her journey to fertility and becoming a mom, illustrated throughout with hundreds of her clever and charming cartoons. Suzy Becker found professional success in her twenties, and by her thirties, she decided she had everything she needed—the home, the savings, the friends, the family, and the gumption to have a baby alone. At age thirty-nine, she joined the ranks of the six million women who need medical help to conceive. In *One Good Egg*, she chronicles her travels through the maze of fertility treatments, constantly considering and reconsidering how far she was willing to go, inwardly convinced none of it would ever work. She learned she was pregnant on her way to tape an essay for NPR, and five months later married her true love. You cannot adequately prepare for certain realities, like giving birth or parenthood, but with *One Good Egg*, Suzy Becker provides the perfect companion for her readers' own journeys to motherhood and beyond.

From Booklist

In this illustrated memoir, Becker (*I Had Brain Surgery, What's Your Excuse*, 2004) shares her funny, happily-ever-after story of getting pregnant through in vitro fertilization (IVF). At 38, after numerous relationships with men and with women, she realizes she wants to become a mom. She gets sperm from a gay friend, Steve, and at first tries inseminating at home with a syringe. The book is funny but a little racy. The drawing that accompanies her description of Steve's small-looking semen donation includes this handwritten caption: "It seemed like so much more when I used to swallow it." And Steve needs to buy gay porn to produce a specimen at the IVF lab, which is stocked with heterosexual magazines. But the few R-rated jokes shouldn't deter anyone from reading this laugh-out-loud book, which ends satisfyingly with Becker marrying her female partner, Lorene, and welcoming a healthy daughter, Aurora. This smile-inducing first-person journey is a worthwhile investment for anyone going through infertility treatment and anyone else who just wants a good chuckle.

--Karen Springen "Suzy Becker is a wonderful writer, hilarious, touching, and sweet."

?Anne Lamott, author of *Help, Thanks, Wow* and *Operating Instructions* "Talking ovaries, cranky uteruses, and Blinky the embryo--Suzy Becker brings mirth to birth."

?Hilary Price, author of *Rhymes with Orange* "Suzy Becker is a comic genius."

?Alison Bechdel, author of *Fun Home* and *Are You My Mother?* "Following in the tradition of James Thurber and Jules Feiffer, best-selling author/illustrator Becker combines droll illustrations with a lively narrative style in this chronicle of the high expectations and shattering disappointments on her journey to motherhood... Her laugh-out-loud humor permeates this account of her experiences... Tender and funny, this appealing modern love story is greatly enhanced by the author's drawings."

?Kirkus s "[A] funny, happily-ever-after story... This smile-inducing first-person journey is a worthwhile investment for anyone going through infertility treatment and anyone else who just wants a good chuckle."

?Booklist "The delightful images and unswerving humor of this lighthearted tale of the making of a modern family will provide a much-needed repose for readers on their own journey to parenthood."

?Library Journal "Touching and very funny . . . This book is bordering on essential for both moms-to-be with flagging fertility and for lesbian couples hoping to become parents, but is an absolutely beautiful book about love and determination that will be enjoyed by a wide variety of readers. Becker's fantastic, on-point cartoon illustrations cover all manner of observations and worries, and every woman who has ever been pregnant will relate."

?Publisher's Weekly (starred review) "A humorous memoir that chronicles [Becker's] sometimes difficult journey through fertility treatments and childbirth."

?Worcester Telegram Gazette "A heart-warming and side-splitting memoir about trying to get pregnant... [One Good Egg] is one of the best new books out now. Incidentally, it might also be one of our favorite Mothers Day gift ideas... While we all know there are a myriad of ways to have a baby in an unconventional way (from sperm donors to egg freezing to in vitro fertilization to adoption), it's great to see an utterly personal, informative (but not scientific), and above all humorous tale about one woman figuring out her own road to becoming a mother. Becker's book is an exciting read, and her cartoons kill it. We're so glad the story has such a happy ending."

?Elizabeth Street blog

About the Author

Author, artist, educator, and entrepreneur Suzy Becker began her career as an award-winning advertising copywriter, and then founded the Widget Factory, a greeting card company. She entered the world of books with what would become the internationally bestselling *All I Need to Know I Learned*

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