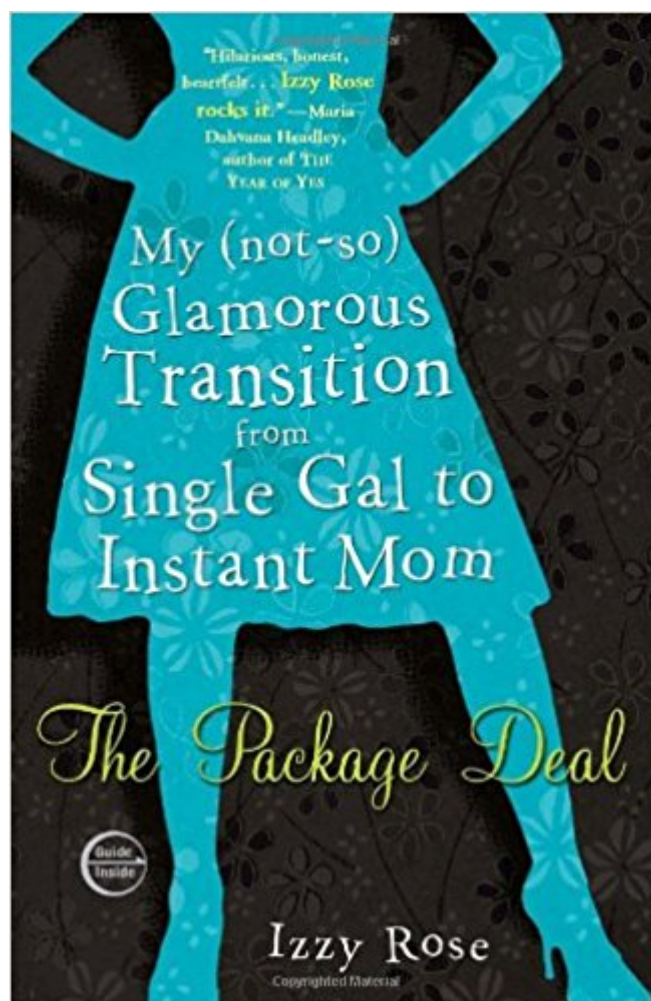


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# The Package Deal: My (not-so) Glamorous Transition From Single Gal To Instant Mom



## Synopsis

Meet Izzy Rose—a hilarious and chic new stepmom trying to come to terms with the package deal. A single, middle-class socialite living in San Francisco, Izzy loved her career as a successful, Emmy Award-winning TV producer and she was fine with the fact that she was unmarried and kid-less at thirty-five. But, then she fell in love with an irresistible Southern man named Hank and her Izzy-centric lifestyle turned upside down. In short order, Izzy finds herself saying I DO to becoming a wife and an instant mom to Hank's two sons and packing her bags for a new life in Austin, Texas. There, Izzy struggles to hold on to a bit of her professional identity while reinventing the stepmother role in her sassy, stylish, but also loving and vulnerable way. Honest and daring, *The Package Deal* is a toast to the richness of her new life and a tribute to any woman whose ever fallen in love and then asked, What exactly did I get myself into?

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"Here's to Izzy Rose and *The Package Deal*: clearly, she's turning into not only a Fairly Good Mother (the most any of us can really hope for)—but even more important—a Fine Southerner as well! Her 'jump-on-off-that-cliff' bravery and her 'might-as-well-laugh' attitude are all the proof I need." —Jill Conner Browne, *THE Sweet Potato Queen*

In her sweet, funny, and immensely engaging book, Izzy Rose reminds us what it means to be a true family. I wonder if she'd adopt me."

—Cathy Alter, author of *Up for Renewal: What Magazines Taught Me About Love, Sex, and Starting Over*

A laugh out loud memoir packed with good advice—a much needed resource for the

fledgling or soon to be stepmother." Â- Sally Bjornsen, author of *The Single Girl's Guide to Marrying a Man, His Ex-Wife and His Kids*"If you are a stepmom, are about to become one or know one, you simply must read this hilarious and heartfelt memoir. Even if you're not a stepmom you'll enjoy it thoroughly, it's that good. *The Package Deal* by Izzy Rose offers a glimpse into the brave heart of a woman who takes on another woman's children with courage, honesty, and humor. Pour a glass of red wine, dish up a slice of gourmet cheese, and curl up with *The Package Deal* - the perfect tonic for any stepmother's soul." Â- Jacquelyn B. Fletcher, award-winning author of *A Career Girl's Guide to Becoming a Stepmom*"Izzy Rose nails how it is and what it feels like to be a new stepmom. There's nothing like that shocking first year! She moved from an exciting career in a perfect location with built in best friends to WHAT? -a strange place with no friends, no family and the expectation of raising someone else's half grown kids. Like many of us, Izzy was uprooted by love, and she portrays beautifully the strong love between her and her fiancÃ©. It's that force that propels them to the next level of connection and confidence that makes it all worthwhile." Â- Susan Wisdom, author of *Stepcoupling*

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I received this book on Saturday, around 3 or 4pm. I literally couldn't put it down until I finished it Sunday morning! Excellent read and so worth the time spent on it- compelling, hilarious, tear jerking all at the same time- very easily the best I've read in a long while! So much to learn from this book; although there were a few places where the author used language that wasn't exactly "Disney friendly", these were so few and far between that it did not take away from the overall value of the book: it's inspiring, motivating and you don't even have to be a step mom to gain from reading it. I could go on and on about how wonderful it is; I absolutely feel everyone has got to read this book at least once: I really think it's that good!

I laughed hysterically in some of her stories, at times I cringed at her human response to situations, and I cried and laughed at the end. She is honest with what she wants and how she feels. I love that she didn't play a role in the family that she felt she was "supposed to." She and the family blended with all their quirks, gross jokes, tears, and awkward moments. Kudos! Inspiration for my adventure from single to S'mom.

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Momstep-kidsmarriagecareerlocationa California girl and a Memphis gospel choir oh yes, and the cats! It sounds like the makings of a good southern novel, or a country music song. A few minutes ago, I read the last page of "The Package Deal - My (not-so) Glamorous Transition from Single Gal to Instant Mom" by Izzy Rose. Who of us cannot find ourselves some place in that mix-of-words title? Here's the link to the book on [Amazon](#) and here's the link to the short video promotion of the book. This book is Izzy's memoir. I have had the honor of watching this life story unfold from prior to the birth of 'the Tall One.' You see, I'm a friend of the 'mother-in-law.' Have you ever had the opportunity to read a book about the life of someone you know - someone you really know? It's a strange feeling, seeing life written on the page. We read fiction, we read biographies, we read autobiographies, but how often do we read about real people with whom we talk and laugh and cry and hug and interact? Izzy's style of writing keeps the reader engrossed in the page. I couldn't put the book down. I'm sure part of that was because I wanted to see how she would tell the family saga. But, her use of words had me laughing out loud (sitting in a room alone; that's a strange feeling to laugh out loud when no one is around) one moment, and wiping tears from my eyes the next. And I knew the basic story line! I knew what was coming next. And I still cried! I think I gave Hank and Izzy a cake stand as a wedding gift. It was one of those pastel stands from Williams Sonoma. I hope it was pink; I just don't remember the color. Perhaps it has had the honor of displaying Gram's Rum Cake (page 202). You have to read the book. Whether you are interested in the recipe for Gram's Rum Cake or the 21 Stepmom rules, there's something in the book for everyone. Izzy, what's next? I'm (im)patiently awaiting your next book...(from my blog post: [...])

I grabbed this one and a few others for some perspective. Not all books regarding step-parenting are created equal. I take them with a grain of salt because my situation is very different than what most of these books are presenting. Still, I thoroughly appreciate feeling like I'm not alone and other women have the same issues and feelings as I do.

I was hoping this book would provide some useful insight into step-parenting. Instead what I got was a poorly written "memoir" of this woman's experience. Most of it was not relate-able to me in any way, and hello, where was the conclusion? The epiphany? The solution to the challenges? Instead we get a tale of "woe is me" all leading up to the wedding that she insists the bio mom isn't allowed to attend. Not impressed.

I loved this book. It was exactly what I needed! It confirmed that all of the feelings I have are 100%

normal and that I am not alone. Since I do not know anyone in my boat (serious relationship with divorced Dad of 2 boys - ages 6 and 10) this book really helped me to see that what I am dealing with is common. It helped me with my outlook and my techniques with the kids. I am happier after reading it and I highly recommend it to anyone searching for someone to relate to!

I purchased three different "step-mom" books, and this is the only one I was able to make it all the way through. It's a great account of a woman's experience without being too 'self-help' like. The emotions, lessons, and love portrayed in this book are a fantastic example of not only the challenges of being a step-mom but also of the rewards. Highly recommended read!

This book is a must buy for single gals entering true love with more than one person as a stepmom. I am a single girl who has fallen for a fantastic man with 3 kids and an ex who is unbearable and this book put it all in perspective - and gave me hope it will work with humour! When you feel alone this book will let you know you are amongst millions in the same boat. Also check out the website [...]  
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