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Dear Mr. Hooper,

Thank you for considering this title for a possible book review.

A recent article in *The New York Times*, "Sorry, Motherhood is Boring", pointed to the backlash of excessive child-centeredness and the resentment mothers feel for the mundane tasks they must perform. **What's The Matter With Mommy? Rantings of a Reluctant Stay-at-Home Mom** brings the reader—mom, dad, or other—on a hysterical ride through the absurdity with an uncensored view on the new implied "rules" for parenthood.

"If You Don't Finish Your Kelp, You Can't Have any Acidophilus" is a plea to save us all from overly critical organic moms who can afford to pay twice the price while chanting "But if you buy organic it's better for the planet" as they pull out of the Whole Foods parking lot in their Yukon Denalis. "A New and Improved *Zagat's For Parents*" provides not-so-family-friendly reviews. "The Envelope, Please" offers the Mommy Awards – from "The Sylvia Plath Award" for extreme mother martyrdom to the "Mea Maxima Culpa" for outstanding achievement in bad mothering and the "Baby Bop Award" to the kiddie show characters you just want to fucking strangle.

**WARNING:** The language in **What's The Matter With Mommy?** is not appropriate for the kids—so keep this book with the healthy snacks and chapter books (where they'll never find it).

Enclosed you will find the galley, a press release, and info sheet. Thank you for your time – if you're a parent, I bet you'll have to hide your laughter.

Warm regards,  
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