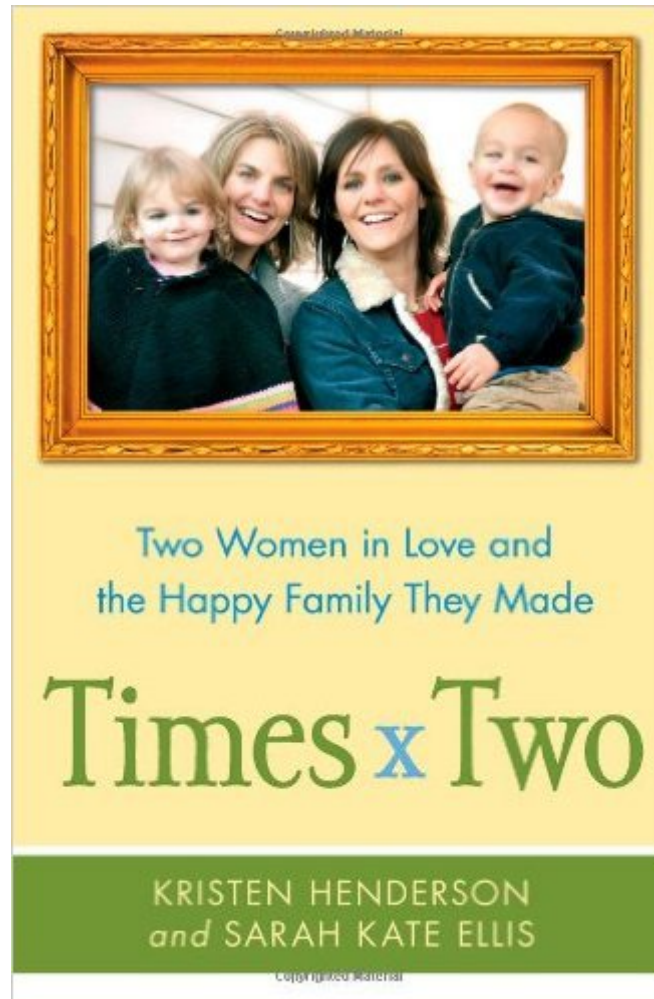


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# Times Two: Two Women In Love And The Happy Family They Made



## Synopsis

TO EVERY GOOD LOVE STORY, THERE IS A TWIST. *Times Two* is about two women meeting, falling madly in love, and realizing that they are so crazy about each other that they want to have a family together. The fact that they both get pregnant at the exact same time is where things start to get interesting. Sarah Kate Ellis, a high-powered magazine executive, and Kristen Henderson, a laid-back rock star, decide it's time to start their family. After determining that Sarah should get pregnant first while Kristen works on her band's new CD, they head to a fertility doctor to start the process. But after months of drug treatments, miscarriages, and heartbreak, Kristen decides to start trying, too. That's when the utterly improbable happens: Sarah and Kristen find out that they are both pregnant—and are due three days apart. Overjoyed by the news that they are both expecting, Sarah and Kristen are also overwhelmed by all that lies ahead. Both have successful, demanding careers. Both have large, close-knit families nearby, including two strongly opinionated mothers who immediately want to be involved with everything. And both are completely clueless about the challenges they're about to face. They soon realize that none of their previous accomplishments has prepared them for the highs and lows of impending motherhood: not Kristen's stint touring with The Rolling Stones, nor Sarah's march up the corporate ladder in the world of women's magazines. They go through everything first-time parents-to-be experience—but twice over. They're producing double the hormones, double the morning sickness, double the cravings, and have double the ups and downs. From the start, Sarah and Kristen think of their babies as twins, each woman carrying half of a set. But for two women who've always finished each other's sentences, they suddenly find themselves on opposite ends of the mothers-to-be spectrum, with different opinions on almost everything. One wants a drug-free birth, while the other wants an epidural at the first sign of a contraction. One is dying to know the baby's gender, but the other refuses to find out until she hears the baby's first cry in the delivery room. The difficulties of having two pregnant women under the same roof are multiplied by the legal and social obstacles of being a gay couple. Told from Kristen and Sarah's insightful and hilarious she said/she said perspective, this touching, modern family adventure will entertain, enlighten, and resonate with readers of all stripes.

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## Customer Reviews

Times Two is a great read that brings you into the lives of two succesful women who look to make a happy family. The book has everything from laughter, sadness and hope in every page turn. I finished the book the same day I got it, just couldn't put it down. I recommend this to anyone to read. This is a great current story that will reach many lives.

This book should have some sort of warning sticker: Do Not Read in Public Unless You are Totally Okay with Laughing Out Loud or Sobbing In Front of Strangers. I stupidly read this wonderful book on a train filled with strangers and laughed out loud several times (not in a cute giggly way, but more in a horse-snort kind of way) and followed that performance up by unsuccessfully smothering tears in reaction to another portion of the book. This is a great read for anyone struggling with fertility, childbirth and the effects of both on a relationship. I loved it!!

I read this book one evening and loved it so much I made my partner read it the next day. We are two mom's with two daughters and the story these two amazing women wrote were funny, sad, but most important they were real. We could relate to so much of the book, except being pregnant at the same time. We think they are crazy for growing through the pregnancy at the same time but we loved reading about the experience. We are going to buy several copies of the book to give to our friends to read. Thank you for sharing!

Full disclosure: I love Kristen Henderson's band, Antigone Rising. I also love memoirs and autobiographies of people I'm familiar with because I have a general strong curiosity about other people and their lives, what they do, and what makes them tick. I don't like gossip but I love to know

what makes people who they are. For this reason, I have been looking forward to this book since the time Kristen was tweeting and blogging about writing it. However, I found that I was just as intrigued by Sarah's story as I was with Kristen's. I don't have a lot of free time. I work a full time Monday-Friday job and take classes in the evenings. The last book I read took me about 12 weeks to finish. I started this one on a Monday evening and somehow found that I had finished it fewer than 48 hours later. I was so engrossed in this story that I spent every free moment I could find reading it. Sitting on the floor in the hallway outside my classroom in the minutes before class started, I sat and read, trying as hard as I could to hold back tears. Lying in bed and reading too late into the night, I tried as hard as I could not to laugh too loud and wake up my girlfriend. This book is written in a way that makes you feel like you're sharing the moment, living the events along with them as they happened. I recommend it to all my fellow saps who love the story of a struggle and a happy ending.

As some other reviews have mentioned, I too have been a follower of Kristen's band for several years. So naturally I was anxiously awaiting the release of Times Two, and had it pre-ordered. Once I read it, I was happy to see that it was even more than I expected. Kristen and Sarah tell their story with such a personal feel, you can easily imagine that you're hearing them tell it to you over coffee. You will laugh out loud, and a few lines down have tears in your eyes. Every page puts you right in the middle of what they experienced while trying to create the family they both dreamed of. There is something in here for everyone to relate to as Kristen and Sarah take us through their younger days of finding themselves, through their continuously evolving career choices, and finally meeting and building a life with each other. I really enjoyed the opposing perspectives throughout the book, Kristen's ability to find synchronicity along the way combined with Sarah's relying more on medical facts. And at times, they each saw the other's perspective, if only for a little while. This is what a true partner/committed relationship/or marriage should be like, in my opinion. Kristen and Sarah beat all the odds, twice, and at the same time! If that's not book worthy, I don't know what is. So get a copy of Times Two and read about the amazing journey these two strong, empowering women have shared.

What a testimony to a book, when you know the end of the story, but you still can't put it down and read it all in one night! Kristen and Sarah's journey that starts with finding out who they are, what they want, and through adulthood and eventually into motherhood is so frank, funny, heart-wrenching, but ultimately inspiring. These are two people who endured so much, and moved

mountains to realize their dream of motherhood. As a single Mom of one, it made me feel so incredibly lucky to have my daughter, and also to have been adopted by two parents who wanted children as much as Sarah and Kristen did. You can relate to this story no matter what your lifestyle, but it is an eye-opener to learn about the extra struggles one must go through as a lesbian couple. Amazing read!

This autobiography/memoir was both hilarious and heart-warming. Although Kristen and Sarah's journey isn't done, nor was it easy but fraught with pain, doubt, and love; their journey was inspiring. I found myself laughing out loud numerous times, and at the same time growing misty-eyed as I read their journey. This book isn't just about their quest to start a family together, but about their separate journeys towards meeting each other, and how they built a life together. I recommend this to anyone, even those who are not interested in having children.

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