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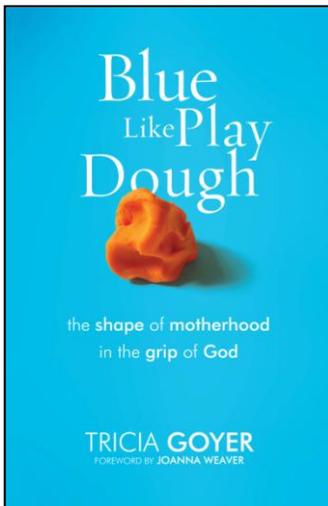
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From the Squash and Squeeze of a Mom's Day, God Shapes Something Beautiful



Colorado Springs, CO – Moms know the drill. Drop Johnny off at soccer practice. Take Jenny to dance lessons. Clean the house. Get dinner on the table. With all the demands, how do women in the middle of the squash and squeeze of daily life, find hope and inspiration? Tricia Goyer, mom and author of *Blue Like Play Dough* (Multnomah Books, July 21, 2009), says that hope doesn't come from avoiding the push and pull but from embracing what it teaches.

"In each of our lives, there is molding and shaping to be done," says Goyer. "As I look back on my life, I realize that if there is one thing that all the stretching and poking and smashing has taught me, it's that I never want to be anywhere but in the grip of God." According to Goyer being in God's grip is never more important than when women think they have to give up dreams when they become moms.

In *Blue Like Play Dough*, Goyer tells the story of her own unforgettable journey. Once a pregnant teenager struggling to find faith, then a young wife and mom who felt doomed to fail, she now sees that God has more in store for every mom than they ever imagined. As Goyer beautifully reminds readers, even interruptions, personal weaknesses and another request for macaroni and cheese can be part of God's plan to shape a family, a mother and a life.

Goyer invites women to discover the extraordinary in the ordinary—even when motherhood doesn't turn out like the magazines promise. A mother of three, Goyer inspires readers to see God's hand lovingly at work in the most unlikely places: in the umpteenth reading of *Goodnight Moon*, in potty training and bike riding, in the pile of laundry waiting to be folded.

Tricia Goyer is the author of numerous works of fiction and nonfiction, including *Generation NeXt Parenting* and the Gold Medallion finalist *Life Interrupted*. Goyer writes for publications such as *Today's Christian Woman* and *Focus on the Family*, speaks to women's groups nationwide and has been a presenter at the Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) national convention. She and her husband, John, live with their family in Montana.

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