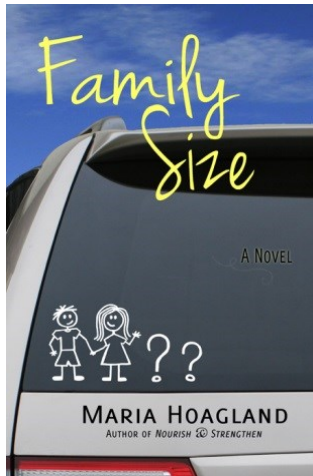


Family Size by Maria Hoagland



Is it one-size-fits-all, or all sizes fit? A novel about friendships, faith, and fertility.

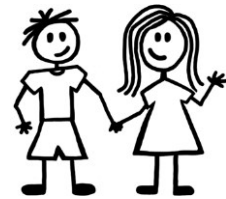
Jessica loves being the mom of an ever-expanding family, but when an ultrasound throws her a curve, can she adapt with grace?

Dragged away from home, Maya feels deserted by her workaholic husband in a land of confusing accents and church cliques. What will it take to acclimate and save her marriage—or does she even want to?

Sloane is an algebra teacher and runner who would give up both to be a mom, but no matter what she does, pregnancy remains elusive. Can she adjust her thinking and find purpose in her life?

As their lives intertwine, can friendship and faith help these women hurdle expectations of an ideal family size?

Discussion Questions



1. Which character did you relate to the most and why? The least?
2. All three main characters experience at least one kind of pain, and not always physical. What was some of the unseen pain?
3. Do you think some of their pain would have been lessened from the start if they'd confided in each other a little more?
4. What are some reasons that you keep trials to yourself? How would you have reacted if you were in each of the characters' places?
5. Does Maya's moving experience resonate with you? Have you ever moved somewhere, not sure if you like it at first, only to realize the place isn't that bad as long as you have your family? Does Maya learn to like Lubbock?
6. Maya struggles with Garrett being gone. Are there times in your life that you've felt the burdens of being a single mother in your marriage? How do you communicate your needs to your spouse?
7. Discuss the theme of loss: miscarriages, dreams, expectations, friends, moving (homes, the familiar), love in marriage or the excitement of new love.
8. How do you know what the right family size is for you? How do you decide when you're "done" having children?