

“ ADMIT IT!

What's your dirty little secret?

“When I'm at Safeway, I buy a Nordstrom gift card and charge it as groceries. I can justify it that way.”

“I lied and told my son's preschool that he was potty trained so he could get in. I acted surprised when he had an ‘accident’ every day.”

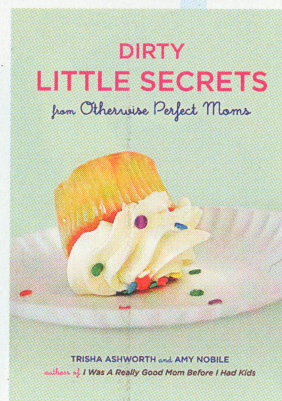
“Once I realized my neighbors could hear me over the baby monitor (we were on the same frequency), I suddenly changed my tone and became ‘Sweet, nice Mommy.’”

“I pass gas and blame it on the kids.”

“My kids don't wear pj's on weeknights. They go to bed in their school clothes so I don't have to fight with them about their outfits in the morning.”

“I forgot to pick my boy up from kindergarten because I was too involved in a Vh1 Rockumentary.”

—From *Dirty Little Secrets From Otherwise Perfect Moms*, by Trisha Ashworth and Amy Nobile, based on their interviews with hundreds of mothers (just published by Chronicle Books, \$13)



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Ratio of dogs and cats to kids in the U.S.

(And somehow, moms are in charge of feeding and cleaning up after all of them.)

RIDICULOUS-TREND ALERT

Parents are getting their kids' school and other photos retouched—even for preschoolers! Great, start the self-esteem problems good and young. We think freckles and stray hairs are cute!

Overheard in a ladies' room

Mom: “Okay, I'll flush now.”

Girl: “But it says ‘Don't flush!’”

Mom: “No, it says ‘Don't flush feminine products.’”

Girl: “What's a feminine product?”

(pause)

Mom: “Makeup.”

Hear anything funny or juicy? Tell us! Go to Parenting.com/overheard to share.

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