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## **Grandma Poems—Not Too Sweet**

By Carolyn Raphael

I am not a big poetry person, but this collection of Grandma poems was very entertaining. Carolyn Raphael covers the range of Grand emotions using every day events, humor and pure honesty. One of the poems, “Healed With a Kiss” made me laugh at loud. Everyone will find several selections that will touch their heart and make them hug the grandchildren a little tighter.

*As its title indicates, you won't find any saccharine platitudes about grand mothering in Carolyn Raphael's new collection. She gives us sharp-eyed views of actual grandmas and their grandchildren, and captures perfectly the wistfulness of infrequent visits over a distance of 800 miles. – X. J. Kennedy*

*Any woman who has ever experienced shock and awe at the realization that she is now (can it be?)—a grandmother—will find a new best friend in Carolyn Raphael. This collection of charming, well-crafted, often hilarious, and occasionally pensive poems will strike a familiar chord for all of us who may not have felt entirely comfortable—at least not at first—taking on the exalted Grand role. Raphael offers the reader enormous validation here, a growing joy, plus beautifully expressed reassurances that we are not alone, but simply “answer to a different call: a secret, a password, a bond. – Marilyn L. Taylor*

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