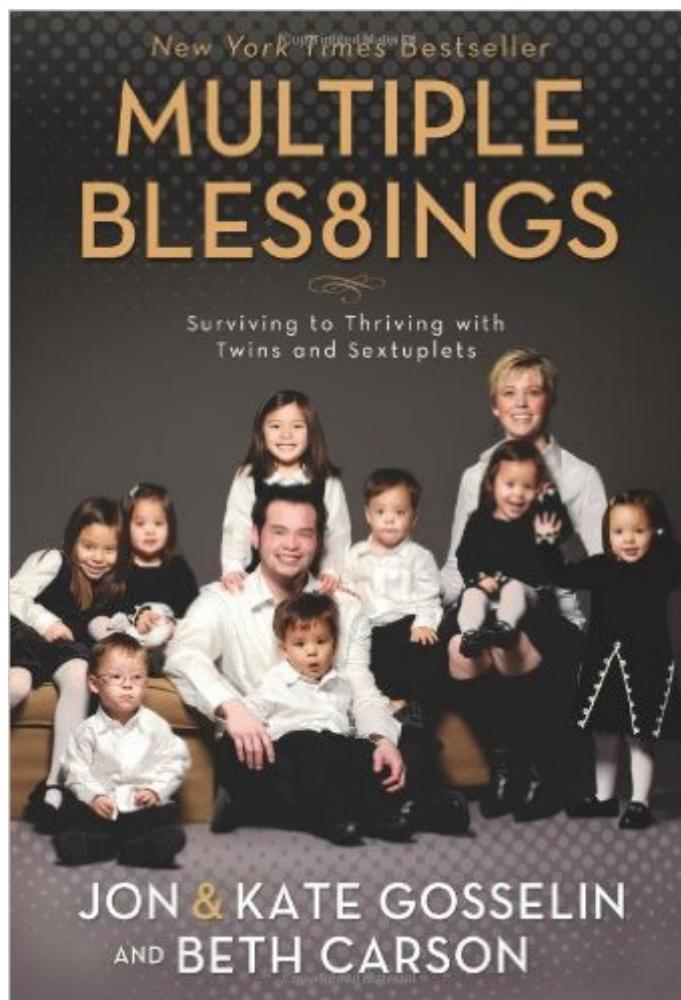


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Multiple Bles8ings: Surviving To Thriving With Twins And Sextuplets



Synopsis

Eight children in three years? Impossible! Kate and Jon Gosselin have learned that, through God, all things are possibleâ •though sometimes slightly improbable. Just three years after giving birth to twin daughters, Kate and Jon learned they were pregnant againâ •with sextuplets. In *Multiple Blessings*, Kate candidly chronicles the emotional and exhausting challenges she and Jon faced from the time the babies were conceived through the first two years of their lives. This amazing story of faith provides a heartening lesson in what it means to trust the faithful hand of God to provide the strength and courage to make it through lifeâ ™s seemingly impossible situations.

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Customer Reviews

This book is well-written and definitely fills in the gap of time between the birth of the twins and sextuplets and the beginning of the Gosselins' reality show. That said, I am going to disagree with some of the other reviews and say that this book would be more enjoyable for people who are NOT regular viewers of "Jon & Kate + 8." As one who has seen nearly the whole series, the book left me confused. Besides a bible verse awkwardly taped on the wall of the family's kitchen and the odd reference to Jesus here and there, I had never gotten the impression that Christianity played much of a role in the Gosselin's lives. This book is VERY faith-based, which I have no problem with, but it comes out of left field and seems to overreach at some points to validate Kate's decision-making. The book's subtitle, "From Surviving to Thriving," also seems a touch inaccurate. I was anticipating at least a chapter chronicling the family's decision to do their reality show, and how

this decision brought them the financial security to "thrive." Instead, the family just seems to be "surviving" throughout the entire book; not even the wealth of biblical references could turn this into an uplifting story for me. Kate's tone is controlling and negative, border lining on annoying. I appreciate that she takes numerous opportunities to thank everyone who lended them support during their difficult years, but is it asking too much to then connect the dots and assert that this led them to "thrive"? In her recollection of events, it seems that Kate rarely validated the hundreds of people who donated their time to help care for the sextuplets in the first year of their lives; on the contrary, it seems she was annoyed and resentful.

When the book came out I noticed that the author is Beth Carson (along with Kate Gosselin). On the TV show "Jon and Kate Plus 8", it has been shown that Beth Carson is a friend of Kate's, so I assumed the book would lack an experienced writing style. I was wrong! This book is VERY well written with an excellent flow and time-line of events. The story is told by Kate with details that go past what the TV show documents. One way to explain it is that the TV series shows the action while the book provides insight into the emotional roller coaster and thoughts experienced by the parents, immediate family and some volunteers. Kate does a good job of explaining the mental and physical stress of raising six infants, along with a set of twin toddlers. Kate didn't paint herself as a saint and openly talks about the times she was wrong and as she stated "not winning any friends". As a mom myself of multiples I thought the book gave an accurate portrayal of the stress of bed rest, carrying multiples, and the mental exhaustion that takes it's ugly toll on relationships. The book discusses the initial fertility treatment (an IUI), Kate's hospital stay while on bedrest, their early days in a condo by the hospital and their first house (not the house seen on TV). Each chapter of the book has a personal photo from the Gosselin family which are fairly generic and similar to what has been seen on the TV series. But unlike the TV series the book goes into detail about the parents of Jon and Kate and other immediate family members. Those family members are mentioned lovingly quite often which Fans of the show may find interesting. The book does have many religious references, but are not stated in a preachy way.

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