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## Introduction

I want to kill somebody!!! There are so many articles and videos on social media on how to get away with murder!

But I behave and have some chocolate instead. Here I am sitting. With a new haircut (I love it!) and a new color (I hate it!) There will have to be some damage control before Phillip (my husband and better half) comes back from his business trip in two days. I am trying to figure out the content for my demo app (my great project at 44 years old), deciding on when to make the appointment with the business lawyer to explain to me if a LLC or SCorp (What on earth...???) would be better in my case for the development of a mobile application for children.

How did I get here??? Harboring murderous thoughts, but then just settling for another bar of chocolate. Do you want the long or the short version? You get the long one, it's not like you have anything better to do right? Nothing better than to read my book? Neeeee...I didn't think so.

I have been thinking about writing about my life for years now, but never really thought I could come up with something that anybody would want to read. Not that I didn't have anything to say (some people think I talk too much), but too many years of being afraid (What, if I fail?) stopped me more than once from trying new things. And

so, I remained in my comfy bubble in which there was no kind of financial responsibility on me.

It is only lately that more and more often I am not satisfied with my life anymore. Each time I come into the kitchen and see dirty dishes left on the table in teenage bliss, for me to put into the dishwasher (Don't make such a fuss Mom!) or clothes on the floor (What? They don't go there???), I think there has to be something else. For 18 years, it was ok. I was a mom! That's what moms do! And I chose to be a mom with open eyes and arms.

Why not anymore? What changed? Why do I keep thinking about the ax massacre? Or dream about chain saws?

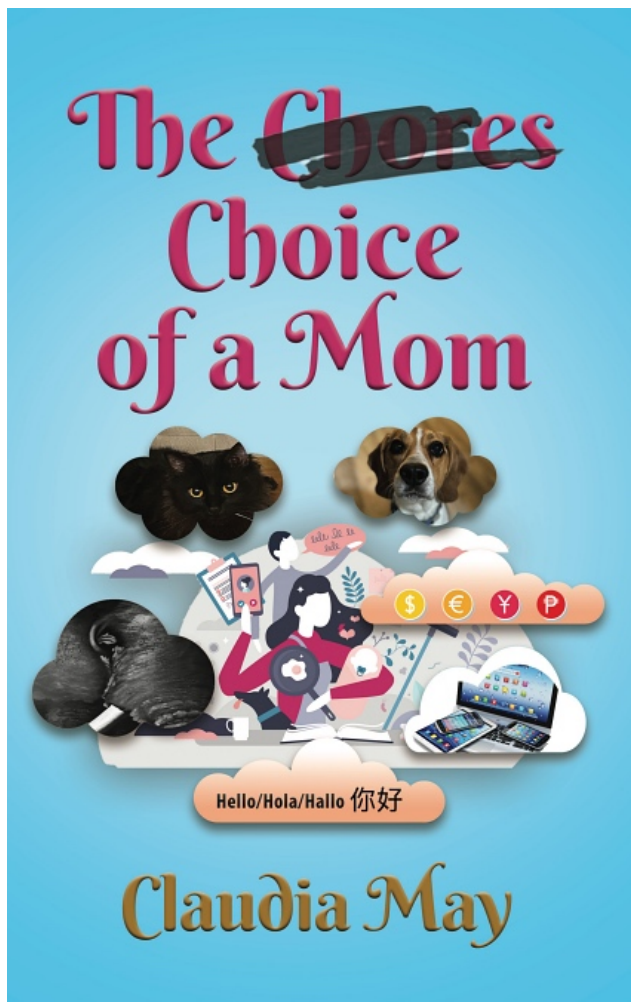
I will try to get to the bottom of this and hope not to be too boring. But for now, it is time to cook lunch and listen to complaints about the presence of onions in the pasta sauce and the necessity of broccoli or any other veggie that promises even the tiniest health benefit. ***“Why don't you just cook two different meals? Yours with green stuff and ours without... then we wouldn't complain!”*** Then I have to run to tennis class and attend a parent meeting for the new High School and hope to make it out of there in time to get to Noah's haircut appointment. Let's see if he will be as frustrated, I as am after mine.

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But I am fine! Everything is fine! At least it says so on my new sweater that I just bought in a moment of anxiety. No frustration, no negativity. I am feeling better! The hitwoman in me will be put on pause! Could it be, because writing only these few lines, I am one step closer to growing (not horizontally I hope), of knowing I CAN DO MORE THAN ONLY BEING A MOM!

And on this note, I will have another chocolate, just to make sure.





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