

FOREWORD

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Motherhood is a magical, but sometimes exhausting experience. To date, society has overlooked the value of motherhood in relation to business. Now, with Michelle Yozzo Drake's brilliant new book, it can also be a money-making experience, transforming kitchen leadership into career savvy. What Michelle has done is taken motherhood in all of its blissful complexity and turned it into an income stream.

Women all over the globe have made their roles as mothers look effortless and are now discovering how to adapt these skills entrepreneurially. They are applying what motherhood has taught them about organization skills, financial planning, relationship building, problem solving and crisis management to achieve career success.

As this trend continues, it's time for women to bridge the gap between motherhood and work — and bring the wisdom and insights of motherhood into the workplace. The payoff for women is gaining the ability to be themselves at work — rather than trying to fit into the “man's world” environment — and leveraging their feminine wisdom as a tool for decision making, empowering workers and teams, and communication. The result for the workplace is the creation of healthier organizations that are growing, thriving, and meeting the needs of real people in a powerful new way — a paradigm shift that is long overdue.

I applaud Michelle's great work in helping all of us understand that the kitchen may be the best training ground for entrepreneurship and visionary leadership.

- Mark Victor Hansen