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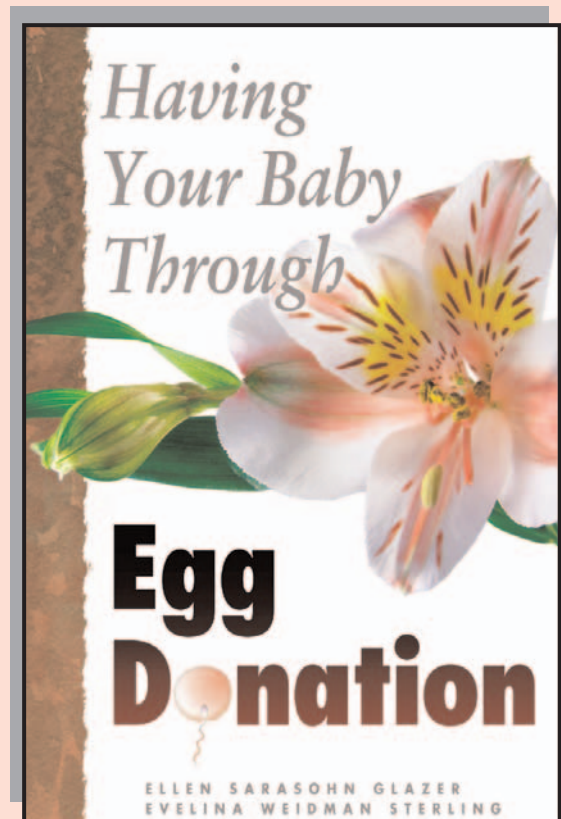
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Using donated eggs is an increasingly successful option for women experiencing poor egg quality, premature ovarian failure, and other infertility problems exclusively related to their ovaries to experience pregnancy and parenthood. Donors may be relatives or may be program-recruited donors found by a clinic or agency and matched with a prospective recipient, either anonymously or even with face-to-face communication.

How do women or couples considering this option make the decision to pursue this family building opportunity? Ellen Glazer, a therapist specializing in infertility, and Evelina Sterling, a certified public health specialist and educator, offer a wealth of resources for considering medical, ethical, religious issues, for dealing with the practical (pregnancy, openness while maintaining family privacy, talking with children conceived in this way, and more.)

Having Your Baby Through Egg Donation looks at personal decisions through a lens that gives clear consideration to the best interests of all involved--prospective parents, would-be donors, potential children--by providing the viewpoints of heterosexual, gay and lesbian, interracial couples, and single parents who have been there and done that, children conceived with donor gametes, and medical, mental health, philosophical and ethical experts who have spent considerable parts of their careers focused on these issues and the people who live them.

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