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Seeking submissions for an edited collection tentatively titled
**What's in a Name? Stories of Inspiration From Non-Bio
and/or Non-Gestational Queer Moms***

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Queer parenthood: It's multifaceted. It's complex. And it has gone through many recent changes. What are the experiences of these modern, Queer parents? The voices we often hear are from the biological or gestational parent; however, just as important are the voices of the "other parent/s".

The main goal of this edited collection is to provide a transnational feminist space for inspirational, relatable, and diverse narratives from Queer non-bio and/or non-gestational "moms*". Although this book can't possibly be representational of this community as a whole, our hope is that by casting a wide net and actively seeking stories from people of all races and ethnicities, Trans* folks, Disabled people, people who have Disabled children, non-U.S. folks, and others, we can work towards inclusivity- but we want to hear from you, regardless of your story or background! By doing so, we can illuminate some of our shared joys, struggles, and hopes.

Topics could focus on:

- Trying to conceive
- Grieving infertility as the non-biological parent
- Navigating a partner's pregnancy
- Adoption or second parent adoption
- Attachment
- Parenting recognition
- Managing work and leave as a non-gestational parent
- Societal expectations and discriminations
- Being the biological but non-gestational parent
- Being the gestational but non-biological parent

Please note – we want to hear YOUR story, so do not feel limited by the topics above – they are provided as inspiration only.

Submission Guidelines:

Please submit an abstract detailing the story you would like to tell (proposals should be approximately 500 – 1,000 words), plus a short biography and citizenship by December 1st, 2017.

All submissions must be in MLA style.

You do not need to have writing experience to be chosen, but please feel free to include an overview of any of your written work if you have.

Full essays will be up to 15 pages each, but shorter papers are welcome.

While we would love to include all submissions, with space limitations, we do need to be selective. We encourage you to get in touch with proposals and any queries you may have. If accepted, chapters will be due for submission in 2018.

Please send all proposals to the editors at queermomsbook@gmail.com.

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