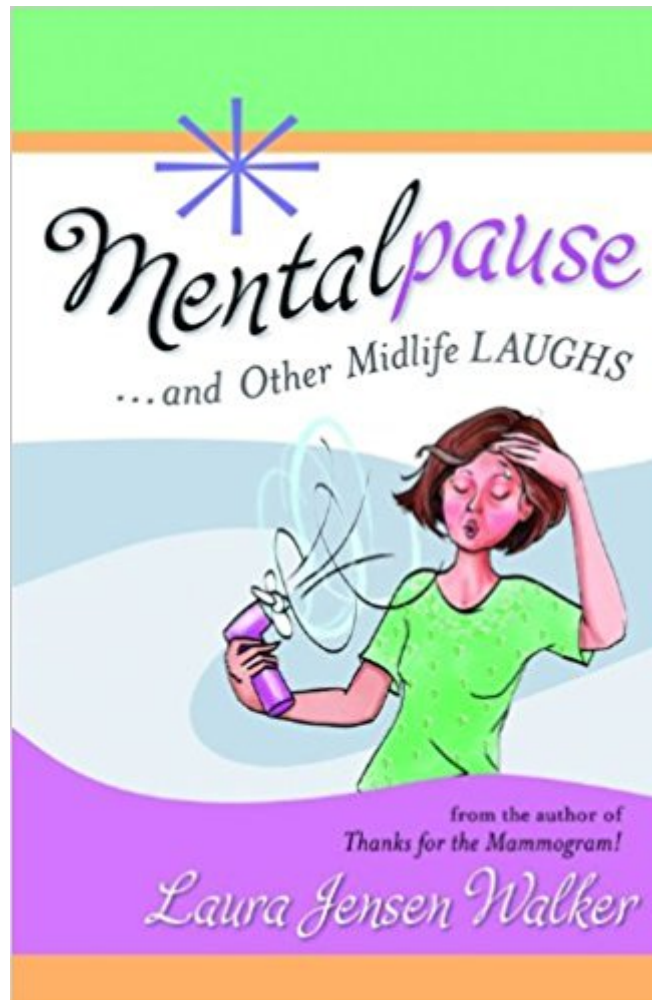




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# Mentalpause: â€”and Other Midlife Laughs



## Synopsis

Laura Jensen Walker went into early menopause after her bout with cancer and can sympathize with other "menopause" sufferers and survivors. As in *Thanks for the Mammogram!*, she uses hilarious vignettes and a delightful mix of wit and wisdom to connect with her readers. With chapters about how "All Varicose Veins Lead to Rome" and "PMS Is a Picnic in the Park," this book helps women dealing with "menopause" and those around them gain a better understanding--and certainly a lighter attitude--about this passage of life. *Menopause . . . and Other Midlife Laughs* will get readers laughing at themselves as they hear Laura lightheartedly describe her age spots, lament her sagging everything, and look anew at love after forty.

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Do you often forget the words for common things, like "husband" or "sink"? Have you suddenly found subzero temperatures pleasant? Are your body parts starting to move south for the winter, spring, summer . . . ? Midlife and menopause can be . . . what was I going to say? Oh yeah, they can be challenging times. But there are plenty of reasons to be thankful, too. Laura Jensen Walker went into early menopause after her bout with breast cancer. In this book, she celebrates life and helps you laugh in the midst of hot flashes and memory loss. As in her popular *Thanks for the Mammogram!*, Laura shares hilarious vignettes and words of wisdom from her experience and those of other women who have been there, are there, or are headed into "menopause." Don't worry when you find yourself entering "fuddy-duddydom" or suddenly see your mother's face in the mirror. Turn down the air-conditioning and join Laura for a lot of laughs instead. Laura Jensen

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I am a woman in my 50's going through perimenopause/menopause so I could relate to quite a few things mentioned in the book, some of which were really quite funny and I did laugh out loud about 4 or 5 times in total, however I wouldn't exactly say the book was generally hilarious. In fact it was a bit depressing, more of a long list of ailments one might expect to face! What bemused and bewildered me was that a fair bit of the content seemed to refer to people a lot older, in their 60's and even 70's. The quotes at the beginning of the chapters even mentioned old age, one for example "Old age isn't for sissies" by Bette Davis. Um....I thought we were talking middle age, not old age? By the way just an aside, I did feel that many of the ailments listed could be avoided just by being in a healthy weight range and exercising, things which are not always easy to do, but the results are well worth it at this age...since starting to exercise regularly and eat healthily I feel ten years younger despite the hormone swings and hot flashes! I liked some of the suggestions at the end of the book, but is it necessary to bring religion into it? Overall it was a fairly lighthearted and easy read though which is why I gave it 3 stars.

I must admit, I am only 34. I am not anywhere in the range of menopause and I was looking for a light, funny read when I downloaded this book (it was free at the time.) I found that I got about 80% through (I really tried, I did!) and just couldn't do it. I did have a few giggles but not what I was expecting. Maybe I am too young and unaware of what is to come to really appreciate the hilarity of it but in my opinion, it wasn't very funny.

This book totally made me laugh out loud! So many stories that the author told I would say, " I have had that happen to me!!" In fact one of the first stories in the book was how women in menopause can look at an object and the word for it not even come to mind. I had just gotten done trying to tell my daughter something about a box and couldn't figure out the word box!!! I was making the shape of the box with my hands, the word box was in my head somewhere, it just wouldn't come out of my

mouth! Oh my! So when I read that in the book I was much relieved that other women experience the same thing. For a light-hearted look at hot-flashes, age spots and the mid-life spread Mental-Pause is the book for you!

I loved this book only took me 2 days to read it. I would like my husband to read this because he thinks I am crazy! I have done alot of these crazy things in this book. I love reading this kind of book it just makes me feel better knowing other people are or have gone through all these changes and I'm not alone. Hot flashes, forgetfulness, weight gain and misplacing items like putting my coffee creamer in the cabinet instead of the refrigerator looking for it the next morning and wondering what happened to it. I would tell all my mental-pause friends to read it!

A good book to give one a laugh during a sometimes stressful period of life.

I found Mental-pause hilarious! Laura Jensen Walker is a very witty writer, and I think most women in my age bracket (50's and 60's) could share lots of laughs and identify with her book.! I would definitely recommend this read as a must for women looking for escape, humor and relaxation.

This book is absolutely wonderful. I was reading it in the car on vacation and I was laughing so hard that my family wanted me to read it to them! They loved it and kept saying, "You do that!" LOL Since we got home, my husband has continued to ask me to read it with him. He thinks ALL husbands should read it with their wives. It is a refreshing read that helps you find humor in what doesn't always seem so funny. Thoroughly enjoying reading it. Thank you so much for writing an awesome book!

I am writing this review before I finish this because I found no reviews of the Kindle version. All were for the paperback. So far, I am finding this very funny and touching. Will add more as I finish this but wanted people to know the Kindle addition has no problems.I am most of the way through this and I do think it is funny. Laughter brings healing to the bones. It is good for the soul.

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