



# Maternal Instinct

by Rebecca Bowyer

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**Australia 2040. No child lives in poverty and every child is safe.  
But at what cost?**

19-year-old Monica never wanted a baby but the laws require her to give birth twice before she can move on with her life.

Now that her first son, Oscar, has arrived she's not so sure she wants to hand him over to be raised by professional parents: the Maters and Paters.

When Monica turns to her birth mother, Alice, for help, she triggers a series of events that force Alice to confront her own dark past. Alice must decide - help her daughter break the law, or persuade her to accept her fate and do what's best for the nation's children?

*"If you liked Vox, you'll love this... Amazing debut by Rebecca Bowyer."*

*~ Emily-Jane Clark, best-selling author of Sleep is for the Weak*

*"Fans of The Handmaid's Tale will be instantly hooked..."*

*~ Virginia Franken, author of Life After Coffee*

*"This is feminist dystopian fiction at its finest, set in a not-too-distant future that is not at all difficult to envisage."*

*~ Amy Wakley-Ahearn, Handbagmafia*

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Rebecca Bowyer lives in Melbourne, Australia with her husband and two young sons.

Rebecca's articles on writing, feminism, parenting and the history of parenting have been published widely, including on Women's Agenda, Ripen the Page Literary Magazine, Kidspot, Essential Kids, Mamamia, Seeing the Lighter Side, Story Addict and more.



Maternal Instinct is her first novel.

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