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### PICKS FOR MOMS

**Marshmallows for Breakfast**, by Dorothy Koomson (fiction). In this moving story of family and friendship, Kendra Tamale gets drawn into the troubled life of her new landlord when she goes looking for a fresh start. His wife has just taken off, leaving him alone to care for spirited 6-year-old twins (\$12).

**Rubies in the Orchard**, by Lynda Resnick (nonfiction). You've seen POM Wonderful, the popular pomegranate juice that reminds us about the health benefits of this obscure fruit. Here, the hot brand's marketing maven offers strategies behind

successful promotion campaigns, as well as tactics and tips for small and international companies alike (\$25).

### PICKS FOR KIDS

**Welcome Spring**, by Jill Ackerman. Your baby's burgeoning senses will be stimulated by this scrumptious see-and-touch book. Its pictures and textures of raindrops, flowers, birds and other signs of spring will introduce him to a beautiful new world coming to life. Ages 0 to 3 (\$6).

**My Mommy's on a Business Trip**, by Phaedra Cucina. Offer your child a little girl's view of what goes on while

Mommy is traveling for work. The colorfully illustrated book explores the bond between mother and child and discovers it's unbreakable even when Mom has to leave town, because she loves you and will be home again soon. Ages 2 to 5 (\$19, [dolcevitawoman.com](http://dolcevitawoman.com)).

**Tough Chicks**, by Cece Meng. Penny, Polly and Molly hatch and run wild, often disobeying the other farm animals' rules. But Mama Hen, unwilling to squelch their spirit, defends them, and the rest of the farm learns that being outspoken isn't so bad after all. Ages 4 to 8 (\$16).



## visit it

Head for **Amelia Island Plantation** this spring, a vast eco-wonderland near Jacksonville, FL. Your kids will love the beach and the wildlife. You'll love the tennis, golf and amazing spa. And for *Working Mother* readers through April: a package with a resort-view two-bedroom villa and recreation (children 12 and under eat free) for \$269 per night (888-261-6162, [aipfl.com](http://aipfl.com)).