

# S U C C E S S F U L S U R R O G A C Y

## *Author Bios*

### **Short**

Susan MZ Fuller is a seven-time gestational surrogate mother who has delivered nine surrogate children over the course of twelve years. Her surrogacy experiences include two sets of twins, miscarriage, stillbirth, homebirth, waterbirth, and two cesarean sections. Her relationships with her intended parents have ranged from a distantly cool “business transaction” to intimately close and rewarding. She writes about her surrogacy experiences at [www.surrogacybydesign.com](http://www.surrogacybydesign.com).

### **Long**

Susan MZ Fuller struggled to get pregnant with her first child and while researching fertility treatment options, came across the idea of surrogacy. About a year later she and her husband did end up getting pregnant without intervention, but the idea of surrogacy stuck with her and within 20 minutes of giving birth for the first time, Susan breathlessly exclaimed to her husband “I can’t wait to do that again!”

After completing her family of three children, Susan pursued gestational surrogacy as a way to help others achieve their dreams of parenthood but also as a way to continue enjoying pregnancy and childbirth without expanding her own family.

Her first surrogacy was a set of twins, as was her second one. Her third surrogacy was a single baby who was born via homebirth in the intended parents’ home. Her fourth surrogacy was a stillbirth due to genetic abnormalities.

Her fifth, sixth, and seventh surrogacies all resulted in single babies. With the exception of her stillbirth experience, all of her pregnancies were full term and resulted in healthy babies.

Noting that there was very little information about the relationship dynamics that develop between intended parents and surrogate mothers and drawing on her years of personal experience as well as the experience of other surrogate mothers and intended parents she knew, Susan Fuller wrote “*Successful Surrogacy: An Intended Parents’ Guide to a Rewarding Relationship With Their Surrogate Mother*” to serve as a step-by-step guide through the surrogacy process, from a surrogate’s point of view.

Susan lives outside of Washington DC with her husband, three children, and a menagerie of pets.



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