

All hail the career **SUPER MUMS**

How do you juggle a career and having a family? We speak to three women in high-profile jobs who have managed just that.

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Kiki's kids don't know how she copes without them

the evenings. I feel incredibly lucky saying this, but being an author is the dream job for maintaining our style of family life. My children started school and nursery last week and gave me a new mug that had a picture of them on, and they said I could have a cup of tea when they were at school and sit and look at them so I didn't get lonely sat at home all by myself.

Everyone in our network of family and friends is incredibly supportive – not because it is the right thing to do, but because it is obvious that we care about our family just as much as any other couple. Our children have two parents who love them, and they are the happiest little people you could ever meet.

KIKI ARCHER

> Author

Mother of two

Kiki and her wife agreed that they would both carry a child each and now have two gorgeous kids. The stay-at-home mum gave up teaching and has since become a successful lesbian author.

"My partner and I both agreed that we would use a fertility clinic and an anonymous donor, and we both knew we wanted to carry, so the question was who would get pregnant first! My partner is my very best friend, and it was actually quite incredible to go through the whole thing with my best girly pal by my side.

My career as an author happened by accident, and I never imagined I would have the success that I have had. My sister and brother-in-law are both journalists, and it seemed that everyone in my family was having a go at writing a novel, so I

thought I would try my hand at it too. They say write about what you know, and I know about being a teacher and being a lesbian, so I combined the two in my debut novel *But She Is My Student*. It quickly got to number one in the UK lesbian fiction chart and the sequel, called *Instigations*, is currently holding that top spot right now.

I only ever write at night when the children are in bed. I still view my main job as being a stay-at-home mum. My writing is something that comes second. It is the perfect job. My children have no idea I write in

We are incredibly lucky to have both carried a baby and lucky to have one boy and one girl. So for us I think we are done... but without a man on tap, our clinic is storing some of our donor vials, just in case!

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