

IMPERFECT BODIES

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"So beautifully written, such an honest and raw account, a scrupulous interrogation of perceptions and attitudes towards disability in the modern world."
Sara Baume

"Imperfect Bodies brilliantly tells the compelling story of a mother falling in love with her beautiful daughter."

Moynagh Sullivan, Professor of English, Maynooth University

"My daughter allowed me to escape from societal norms and rethink them."

SYNOPSIS: In this powerful literary memoir, Ali shares her journey as a mother of a girl with a rare genetic disease. Exploring social and political definitions of normality, Ali reflects on motherhood, identity, the female body, the able and dis-abled body. This memoir also delves into the experience of pregnancy, and the ways in which the female body becomes a public topic of discussion. The limits of child care policies are also scrutinized in this impressive journey. Central to the narrative are the following questions: is my body imperfect for conceiving a baby with a genetic disorder? Is my daughter's body imperfect?

For readers of Claire Kilroy, Anne Enright, Deborah Levy.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY: Ali Isaac lives in Ireland with her husband, two sons, and daughter, Carys. In 2020, she was awarded a mentorship for *Imperfect Bodies* with author Sara Baume by Words Ireland in conjunction with the Arts Council of Ireland. She was also selected for the Penguin Write Now Program 2020. In 2021, she was the recipient of a Literature Bursary Award from the Arts Council of Ireland. Ali has been published in literary journals *The Stinging Fly*, *Sonder*, *Paper Lanterns*, and *Catatonic Daughters*. She regularly writes on her Substack.



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