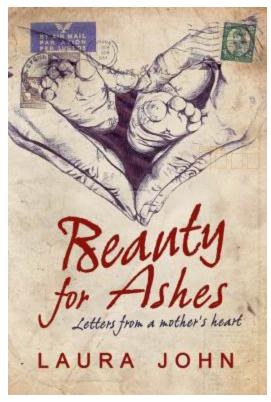
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*'Letters from a Mother's Heart'*Will Touch Your Heart

Laura John's first book allows readers a very personal look at her life, from being a child with no roots, to someone who had a teenage abortion and a mental breakdown in her forties, to the woman she is today.

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