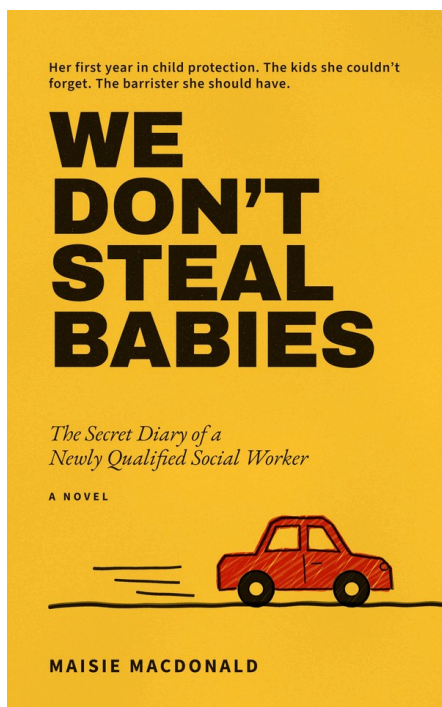




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People ask social workers at parties if they steal babies. This is the answer.

Maisie MacDonald is twenty-five, newly qualified, and armed with a one-eyed cat, a lanyard and the belief that she can save everyone.

Over one year in Coventry she will keep a boy's toy car safe until he is ready to stop running. She will wait outside a door while a fifteen-year-old tells a camera the worst thing that ever happened to her. She will watch a young mum she fought for walk back to the man who broke her. She will fall for exactly the wrong barrister, and find out how wrong in open court.

Told through Maisie's diary, her anonymous blog and the case files in between, this is a novel about the job nobody understands and the people who do it anyway. It is funny. Then it isn't. Then it is both, in the same afternoon.

"The court makes orders. We just bring the evidence. And the snacks."

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Maisie MacDonald is the pen name of a social worker who has spent many years working with children and families in England. The people and cases in this book are invented. The job is not. The author gives interviews in writing.

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