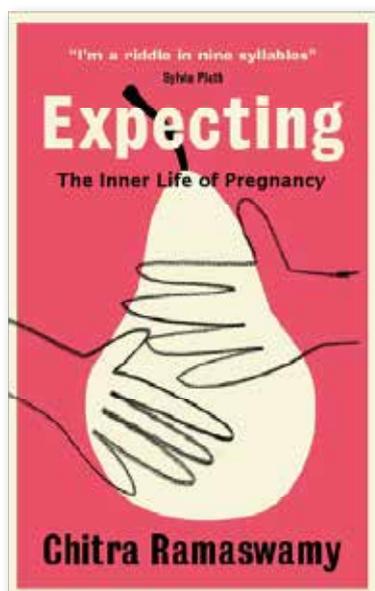


## Expecting – The inner life of pregnancy



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### About the author

Chitra Ramaswamy is an award-winning journalist with more than ten years’ experience. She cut her teeth at *The Big Issue* before moving to the *Scotsman*, where she became one of the newspaper’s leading columnists, book reviewers, interviewers and feature writers. Now a freelancer, Chitra writes regularly for a number of publications, including the *Guardian*, and often chairs events at festivals and regularly reviews on radio. *Expecting* is her first book.

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