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Baker, L-J. (2017). Never unfriended: The secret to finding and keeping lasting friendships. Nashville: B&H Publishing. 229 pp. \$16.99. ISBN 9781433643064

In *Never Unfriended*, (in)courage (www.incourage.me) community manager Lisa-Jo Baker challenges women to be the friends they want to have. A great resource for personal encouragement, one-on-one meetings, or women's group gatherings, this book is written for anyone who has ever felt lonely or left out or un-cool – for anyone who has felt overwhelmed or terribly busy or too caught up in her own to-do list to remember the women all around her pleading for friendship. *Never Unfriended* walks women through healing from broken relationships, making the valiant effort to start new friendships, and sticking it out through hard spots in the Christ-honoring friendships worth keeping. In a world where friendship is frequently misdefined on social media by sheer quantity and one-click approval of cropped, filtered versions of ourselves, Lisa-Jo Baker offers a refreshing picture of friendship as God designed it and demonstrated it: a friendship of "messy, ordinary Tuesdays where neither [friend] is embarrassed by [her] dust bunnies ... Friendship on purpose" (pp. 220-221).

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