

GIVING MYSELF AWAY by Grete DeAngelo: 250-Word Synopsis

A recent CDC report shows that nearly forty percent of pregnancies in the United States are unintentional. Divorced mother ADRIENNE MANNING is devastated to find out she's become a statistic after messing around with a guy who's clearly not boyfriend material. He's a lonely mortician with a spiteful daughter, and things just happened late one night after a funeral.

When Adrienne tells father-to-be GEORGE FREIHOFFER the news, his reaction isn't totally unexpected: he asks her to get married and promises to take care of her. Adrienne hasn't been single long and she doesn't trust men so easily after her high-school-sweetheart DREW left her.

Adrienne and Drew's two sons don't like spending weekends with their dad and his new wife, who has four wild boys of her own. They are confused about why Adrienne plans to give up the new baby and they worry she'll get rid of them too.

Adrienne also has to contend with her opinionated mother, who feels the right thing to do is to accept George's proposal. Then there's her younger sister KRISTEN, who only dates married men and claims never to want children of her own.

Adrienne persuades George to agree to the adoption and watches him drift into a relationship with CAROLYN, a woman Adrienne initially set him up with to get him off her back. Once George is gone, Adrienne second-guesses her decisions. Will she try to get George back? Will she decide to keep the baby whether he comes back or not?