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## Extracts from *The Book of Sarah*

### Abstract

*Harry was born 23 December 2013. Beautiful, loud, hungry. Clock of my day. Emperor of my household. At a conference on motherhood in London in June 2015 I heard Bracha Ettinger speak about 'the three shocks of maternity'. It helped me to understand how much I am still recovering from my new reality.*

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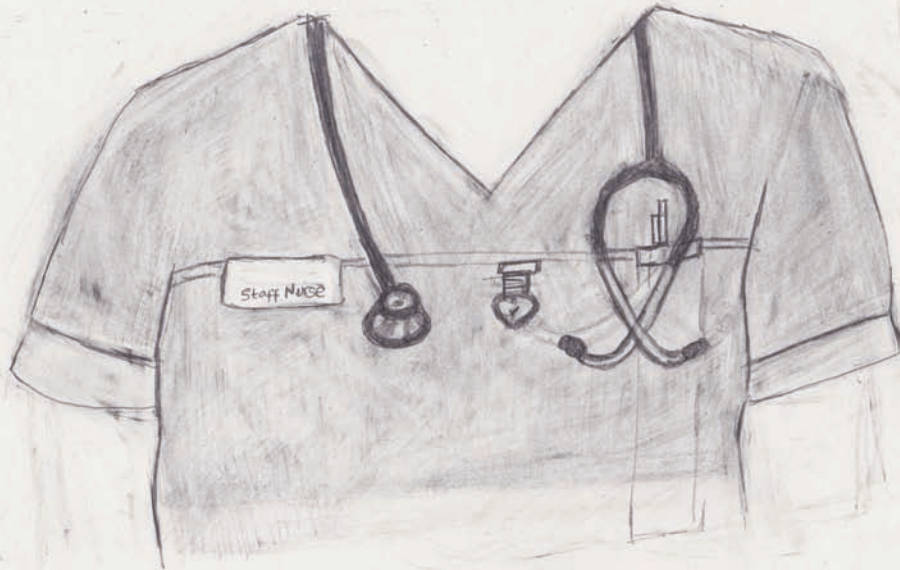
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SmILE, said the midwife



You have a beautiful scar



Tidy, wipe, dry, repeat. Tidy, wipe, dry, repeat.



oh my little love

