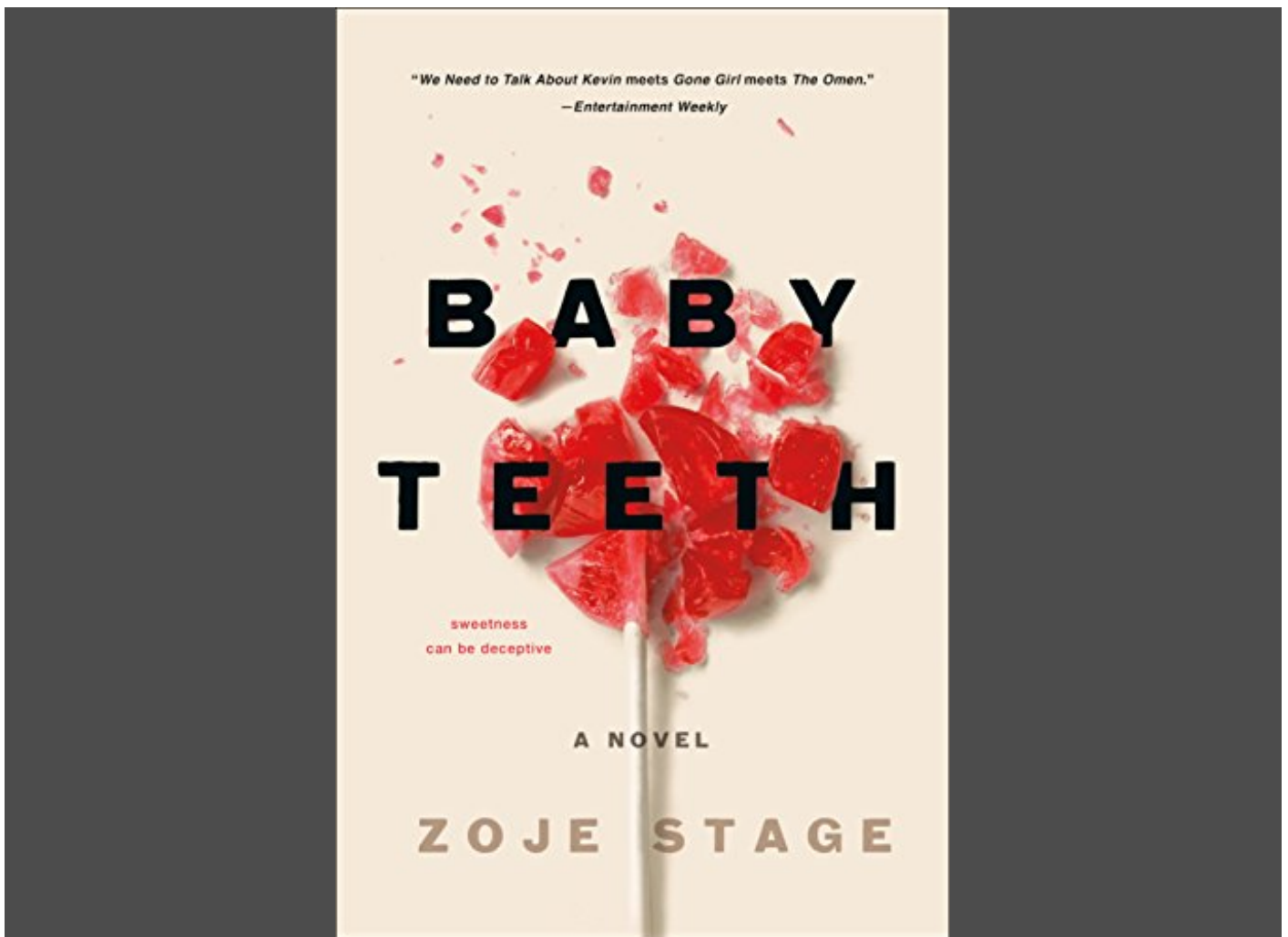


# PDF | Baby Teeth: A Novel

by Zoje Stage



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**An Amazon Best Book of July 2018:** The trials of parenthood are known to all: the sleepless nights, the teething, and the tantrums. In *Baby Teeth*, mom Suzette faces an additional trial: a young daughter, Hanna, who makes Wednesday Addams look positively angelic. Hanna is besotted with her father and violently opposed to sharing him with her mother. Withdrawn, refusing to speak, she's waging a campaign of terror with Suzette as the prime target. But, apart from issues at school that Dad is able to excuse away, he sees no evidence of the terror his wife reports and stands ready to defend his silent angel, even against her mom. It's the classic bad seed setup, but author Zoje Stage ups the ante, using alternating chapters to devastating effect. The swings from Suzette's panicked attempts to right the ship and fix her daughter to Hanna's chilling interior monologues drive much of the suspense in this creepy thriller. And the alternating chapter setup allows Hanna the last words, words which left me open-mouthed. Ever wanted to shout, "He's behind you!" at a horror movie in a theater? Well, *Baby Teeth* may leave you wanting to howl something similar at the pages of a book. – *Vannessa Cronin*

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