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DREAM ON!

Writing really is a balancing act for me

Anne Freeman, 42, Northcote, Vic.

Holding my bub, Edie, with one arm while I was breastfeeding her, I used my spare hand to type quickly on my phone.

Since welcoming my second child in 2018, I'd noticed that I had less and less time for my hobbies, like reading.

So, in an attempt to challenge myself, I started listening to an audiobook about writing in the hope that inspiration might strike.

Then, one night after my husband, Paul, and I saw a documentary about a famous hotel in Ibiza, I dreamt that I was there and fell in love with the hotel manager!

I wouldn't leave my husband for the world, but the idea stayed with me and I knew I had to explore it.

"I'm not sure if I can write a good novel, but I can definitely try," I said to my husband, who encouraged me.

There was just the small problem of having next to no free time.

I soon learned that if I wanted to do this, each second had to count.

So, when Davie, my son, was playing, and Edie was feeding, I'd

write on my phone for as long as I could.

And, after months of squeezing out words whenever I had a spare minute, I completed my

novel, *Returning to Adelaide*, which has recently been published.

It tells the story of a mother whose life has fallen apart, so she goes to the Greek Islands on a whim and reunites with an old flame.

"Told you you could do it!" my husband said.

The truth is, I might not have dared try if it wasn't for that crazy dream about me and the man from the hotel.

Being a mum brings me so much joy, though I hope to continue writing many more novels.

Having a crazy idea really did change my life. Not to mention, it literally helped make one of my dreams come true!

I knew I had to explore the idea



Me, Edie, Davie and Paul

Returning to Adelaide, by Anne Freeman (Hawkeye Publishing) is out now.

