Everywhere Babies

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**Synopsis**

Every day, everywhere, babies are born. They’re kissed and dressed and rocked and fed—and completely adored by the families who love them. With an irresistible rhyming text and delightfully endearing illustrations, here is an exuberant celebration of playing, sleeping, crawling, and of course, very noisy babies doing all the wonderful things babies do best.

**Book Information**

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**Customer Reviews**

I HAD to buy this book when I saw that it included pictures of a baby nursing and another being carried in a sling! And although my husband insists we have too many books, once he read it he agreed that this one was worth getting. This is a beautiful book about all sorts of ways babies are fed, carried, dressed, how they play, etc. And of course, bottles and strollers are in there too! I love how inclusive this book is. We all love the illustrations. My daughter seems to love the rhythm to the words, because she always asks for "more" when I read it to her, even if she’s half asleep and not paying too much attention to the pictures. And to anyone who didn’t like the book simply because it has one of two (subtle) pictures of what may or may not be same-sex couples, that’s a shame. And I think you missed the point of the book, big time. Everyday, everywhere, babies ARE being raised by two mommies or two daddies, or bi-racial couples. And those babies are loved just as much as yours are. I’m hoping my daughter DOES eventually notice in the pictures that not all these families look like hers. A little more tolerance of our differences would make this world a better place.
My 2-year-old son picked this book out at the library and adores it. He likes the smiling messy baby at the end, and has learned descriptive words like "messy" and "small" from talking about the pictures. The text is simple and repetitive, and the pictures are gentle and witty. The focus is on the babies themselves and all the things they experience and do. Many but not all of the babies are smiling-- some are serious, some are curious, some are yelling, some look a bit annoyed, just like real babies do, which adds to the charm. I also like the variety of families represented, and the fact that we see old people and people not in perfect physical shape nurturing and having fun with babies as well as typical 20-something-looking parents. It's not always clear who is related to whom in this book. The relationships are portrayed subtly (is that a neighbor or a dad? a grandma or a child-care provider? a pal or a partner?) -- we are left to imagine the families as we wish to. The thing that's clearly most important is that everyone loves the babies. We parents find that the illustrations hold our interest after many readings, a real treat. We love this book.

I love this book because it easily applies to my daughter who was born in my heart! All babies and people are the same, when cut we all bleed the same blood, families come in all shapes, sizes, skin colors and a smile is a smile in any language. I love the last 3 pages.... Every day, everywhere, babies are loved.... for trying so hard, for traveling so far, for being so wonderful...just as they are! I think the illustrations are beautiful and hope that book the author and illustrator gets together for more wonderful book! And my daughter loves just loves this book!

My 2-year-old son loves this book. I got it because it has a rich representation of all types of families (rarely found in children's books, even today): parents with (adopted) children of another race (this is our family situation), biracial couples, mothers breastfeeding a baby, fathers bottle-feeding a baby, lesbian and gay parents, single parents. All this is shown not in a politically correct or preachy way, but just as a casual, panoramic view of...well, babies everywhere! Each full 2-page spread shows many babies of all races and sizes, some smiling, some screaming, some sleeping. The paintings are amusing, realistic, fun, and the babies are sweet. My son will point out certain babies, and loves the baby at the end who is so clean on one page, and, having eaten her birthday cake, so dirty on the next. This book is appropriate for all toddlers, and an especially good choice for those with family members of different races or lifestyles.

Even if you don’t have a child to share this book with, you’d enjoy seeing what babies everywhere
are doing! I would share this book with preschoolers--either to remember their babyhood, or if they have a new baby in the house. The text is simple, and could apply to a preschooler’s life as well. The illustrations are tastefully done, with much detail, and use a variety of colors and layouts (some are full page, others have more white space). The babies and families portrayed are quite diverse, and are drawn doing different activities within each "every day, everywhere, babies are..." that occupies the page. Overall, I recommend this book to anyone who loves to see babies in all aspects of life!

This has got to be one of the finest books on the topics of babies, and the artwork is simply wonderful. Our twin toddler girls love the book and can have it read to them repeatedly. The topics cover everything from eating, walking, singing, crawling, growing, running, and the whole gamut of activities from the early stages of growth to the toddler years. And the caricatures are fantastic and very attractive to take in. It's a very encouraging and teachable tool in the hands of parents who love to read to their children, and my family highly recommends it!!!

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