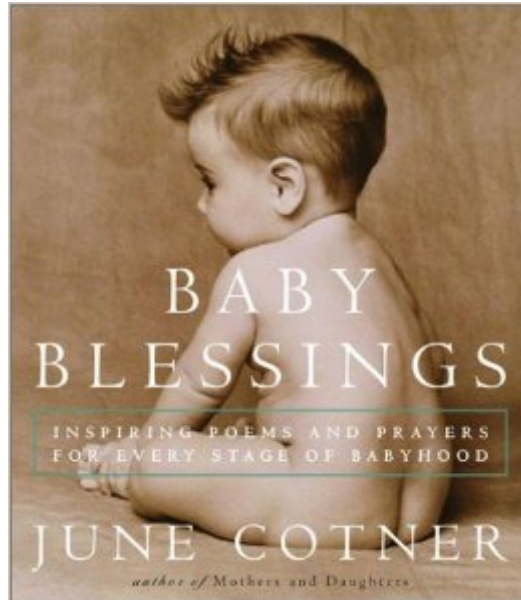


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# Baby Blessings: Inspiring Poems And Prayers For Every Stage Of Babyhood



## Synopsis

“What a lovely and lyrical way to usher in a baby and celebrate the unfolding stages of parenting.” Janet Chan, editorial director, the Parenting Group Baby Blessings highlights the wonders of babyhood with classic and new poems, lullabies, and blessings for every stage of baby’s life, from pregnancy to infancy to the toddler years. Featuring contributions from such well-known names as Dr. Spock, Brahms, and Rami Shapiro, Baby Blessings also includes special sections for baby-naming ceremonies, christenings, and other precious moments. Baby Blessings provides inspiration and joyful reflections for the new mother just beginning to explore the miraculous experience of birth and motherhood, as well as the seasoned mom who wants to recapture the priceless emotions of those early days. Parents will treasure this collection for years to come. Our Wish for You  
May you always see beauty in the world  
And hear music every day.  
May you know the touch of gentle hands  
And walk the peaceful way.  
May the words you speak be loving,  
May laughter see you through.  
May you be blessed with hope and joy  
“These gifts we wish for you.”  
Theresa Mary Grass

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## Customer Reviews

I bought this book for myself 4 years ago when I was pregnant with my son. I read it and would cry and cry at the absolute sweetness of the poetry. The people who wrote these pieces totally and completely understood what I was feeling during my pregnancy -- the bliss, the apprehension, the anticipation. After I had my boy, I picked the book up again, and now a whole different section of the

book made me cry. Then he turned one, and the book hit me again. Now 4 years later, I just bought the book for 3 of my friends, 2 who are pregnant, and one who has a 1-year old. They are all sobbing. They are not sad poems at all, quite the contrary. They are full of real moments of unadulterated preciousnesses, that force one to sit and fully feel the love we have for our children and for pregnancy and for every little quiet personal moment. I literally cannot open the book without feeling overwhelmed with love and without needing to absolutely bury my sweet boy in kisses.

I purchased this book on the recommendation of a friend. I gave it to my son and daughter-in-law before the birth of their first child. They were both thrilled with the book and, in turn, purchased it for a couple they knew were having a child. It is a soothing and magical must read. It is relaxing and thought provoking. It reminds us of what is truly important in this life and the great blessing we can experience with the celebration of life. It is one of those rare finds that you never tire of and with each re-read, you smile again and say "Ah, yes". Eleanor Manning, Author, Voices.

I didn't expect to sit down and read this book from cover to cover, but I did. I am often skeptical about books that claim to be inspiring, but I was impressed. From the poem PREGNANCY to YOU-AND-I, NURSING to NORMAL CHANGES, I was connecting with everything I cherish about being a mother. The selected poems and writings will touch every mother-to-be and serve as a heartfelt reminder to those of us who remember the early days with our babies. No matter the age of our children, the love and hope we hold for them remains and this collection is a reflection of that love and hope. I must quickly finish this review so I can re-read Baby Blessings! (p.s. Every mother - new or not-so-new - would treasure this collection.)

There are a wide assortment of quotes, poetry and prayers in this book. The binding and pages are high quality, the jacket beautiful, it's a gift quality book. In fact I bought it for a gift for an expecting couple. They loved it! I was able to purchase this book as a new first edition, for only \$6.50 on , but I see the prices on what are left are quite high. If you are not interested in a used or new prices on , go to the author's website to order this book new for only \$15 plus shipping.

I bought this book for myself and keep buying copies for gifts-for a sister-in-law who's a new mom, for my mother, my children's pediatrician, one for my obstetrician, and additional copies for dear friends who are mothers. The book is lovely and its subject timeless--a perfect little gift. I've come to expect a lot from June Cotner's anthologies, and the quality of writing found in BABY BLESSINGS is

no exception to her other rich and delightful compilations. This one captures every stage of babyhood from every vantage point and is my favorite of all, perhaps because BABY BLESSINGS is enhanced by a particularly endearing cover, the photograph of an adorable unclothed baby with the David Beckham hair!

This did not prove out to be what I was looking for. One of the prayers was too "New Age" for me. I was disappointed in this purchase. Will pass its on to my grandson who may like it better,

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