Synopsis

This is Kes Gray’s first picture book for Hodder, following his success with Eat Your Peas, winner of the Children’s Book Award 2001, and Sarah Nayler’s first ever picture book. It is a funny, colourful, and clever book that will provide perfect entertainment for young children. The story traces the 9 months during which a family await the birth of a new baby. Written from the eyes of a small child, we are given hilariously funny descriptions of the development of the baby in Mum’s tummy and accounts of family life as the baby’s birth draws near. In the style of the Simpsons, it is a uniquely fresh and entertaining title. This book will appeal to all young children, and will assist their understanding and development. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

This book, while I’m sure it is considered charming by some, is not necessarily right for every family. It certainly wasn’t right for mine. If you are trying to teach your children to use the correct names for parts of the body rather than slang terms—this is probably not the book for you. If you don’t think that it is appropriate for children to notice or comment on (let alone joke about) the size of their mother’s undergarments—this is definitely not the book for you. I don’t usually consider myself stodgy, but I thought the way Baby on Board handled the issues it discussed was totally over-the-top and inappropriate.
I wasn't sure what to think of this book, it's a little tongue-in-cheek, but my 3 year old ADORES it! She laughs at the pictures and the silly commentary. She has asked me to read it over and over. I think it is helping her come to grips with the arrival of her new baby sister, and to understand what is happening to me, her mommy. Cute pictures, fast read - we checked it out from the library and then had to go buy it!

So sure some of the language in the book might be questionable, but really it tries to go about it from a kids perspective. Kids will notice mommy buying bigger bras, and panties and shirts and pants while pregnant. They will also notice that you go and pee every five minutes when you are at the mall, so i do not blame the book for commenting on it. I really enjoyed reading this to my daughter and I changed some words around if I did not want to say them, but my daughter thought the pictures were hilarious and she also liked to be able to have something to reference "her baby’s" size to ( a piece of gum, an action figure, biffo’s dinner" We’ve have read it probably 100 times already and unlike the "accurate accounts" of what pregnancy is she has really been able to relate to this...

I wasn’t impressed with this book at all. Illustrations were poor and so was the story line. It didn’t really give my son a feel for what was going to happen. The only plus was it did show the mommy’s tummy growing and growing and eventually there was a baby. But it didn’t really touch on how the other child felt or how anyone felt really.

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