

How Babies and Families are Made



(There *is* more than one way!)

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How Babies and Families are Made: (there is More Than One Way), Patricia Schaffer, Tabor Sarah Books, 1988, 0935079173, 9780935079173, 52 pages. Surveys the different ways in which children are conceived, develop, are born, and become parts of families, examining special situations such as artificial insemination, cesarean births, and families with adopted children or stepchildren..

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The playbook for kids about sex , Joani Blank, Jun 1, 1980, Health & Fitness, 48 pages. A play/workbook that invites children to learn about their changing bodies and feelings to promote a positive self-image. Ages 5-11..

Let Me Explain A Story About Donor Insemination, Jane T. Schnitter, Joanne Bowring, Feb 1, 1995, , 32 pages. A little girl explains how she was conceived through artificial insemination and that although she has genes from her mother and a donor, her dad is her only father..

How Are Babies Made? , Alastair Smith, 1997, , 16 pages. Simple text and illustrations explain reproduction and the growth of a baby inside the mother's womb..

Mommy Laid An Egg Or, Where Do Babies Come From?, Babette Cole, Jun 1, 1993, Juvenile Nonfiction, 40 pages. Two children explain to their parents, using their own drawings, where babies come from..

A new baby comes , Julian May, 1970, Health & Fitness, 38 pages. Simple text and drawings describe the development of a baby within the mother and the process of birth..

Heather Has Two Mommies , Leslie A Newman, 2000, Children of gay parents, 32 pages. When Heather goes to playgroup, at first she feels bad because she has two mothers and no father, but then she learns that there are lots of different kinds of families and the

Why Boys and Girls Are Different , Carol Greene, 1995, , 31 pages. Sex instruction for the preschooler, presented from a Christian point of view..

It's Not the Stork! A Book about Girls, Boys, Babies, Bodies, Families, and Friends, Robie H. Harris, 2006, Juvenile Nonfiction, 59 pages. Uses bird and bee cartoon characters to answer questions that younger children frequently ask about the human body..

Let's Talk About S-E-X A Guide for Kids 9 to 12 and Their Parents, Sam Gitchel, Lorri Foster, Apr 1, 2001, Family & Relationships, 100 pages. Sex remains one of the least comfortable -- and thus least discussed -- topics between parents and children. Even the most enlightened parent can get queasy at the prospect of

Who is in a Family? , Robert Skutch, 1995, Juvenile Fiction, 32 pages. Introduces the different combinations of people that may make up a human family, and compares them to family types in the animal kingdom.

Sexuality Education in the Classroom , Linda Van Rooyen, Jan 1, 1997, Sex instruction, 145 pages.

Where Do Babies Come From? , Ruth Hummel, Janice Skivington, 1998, Health & Fitness, 32 pages. Sex instruction for primary school age children, presented from a Christian point of view..

God Made Families , Mark Burr, Babyfaith, Jul 1, 2005, , 60 pages. All faith begins with baby faith! Babyfaith nurtures love, learning and faith in babies. This amazing video series will delight little ones through hymns, baby-sized Bible

Finally a book that includes many of the ways that children are conceived and families are formed.

In this book the "facts of life" are given in a gentle and complete manner. Parents are free to explain things in their own words as they use the text and illustrations as reference. In the drawings all children will be able to find a family like their own. For ages 5-11

This guide to reproduction aims to speak to children of various origins and family backgrounds. It discusses a host of reproductive circumstances including miscarriage, cesarean delivery, twins, artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, premature birth, babies with disabilities and different family arrangements like adoption and stepchildren. (Surrogate babies, however, are not included.) A book that is wide-ranging in content and complexity, it mixes pages having the simplicity of a first-grade reader ("Michael and Rachel are the same as you in some ways") with those that review such technical terms as clitoris, urethra, seminal vesicles, vas deferens. While the technical explanations of gender and birth are well written and supported by clear drawings, they may convey more information than beginning readers can follow. In an attempt to cover so much material, the author may be offering young readers insight but providing only confusion. Ages 5-9.

In *How Babies and Families are Made*-subtitled "There is more than one way!"---basic sex education is combined with a look at the different forms families may take. Rachel and Michael, fictional children, are used as examples in the text. The story is interspersed with straightforward, unsensational facts about such subjects as conception, pregnancy, and childbirth. Alternate methods of conceiving, such as artificial and donor insemination and in vitro fertilization, are explained in simple language. Complications, such as miscarriage, premature birth, and disabilities are mentioned. The fascinating way in which twins develop is shown. The subject of childbirth naturally leads into a brief discussion of the makeup of various family units: birthparents and stepparents, half brothers and half sisters, adoption of children of different races and nationalities. The author concludes that what is important is that "Rachel and Michael are part of the human family." She adds, "You are too." Suzanne Corbett's attractive black-and-white drawings illustrate the story. She also diagrams the female and male sexual organs and the development of a single ovum into a baby. The book received a "Best Books Choice" award from the state of Wisconsin. It is recommended for use of parents and children together. For ages five to nine. -- From Independent Publisher

My children are adopted, and they feel so completely disjointed when sex ed comes up in school. This book covers not only sexual intercourse but also in-vitro fertilization, which is so often overlooked. This book also covers ADOPTION, thank goodness. It is written from the perspective of, how do families come into being? It addresses each way this can happen. It is neither condescending nor promoting nontraditional means - it just acknowledges that there ARE nontraditional means. I was so very happy to come across this book.

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