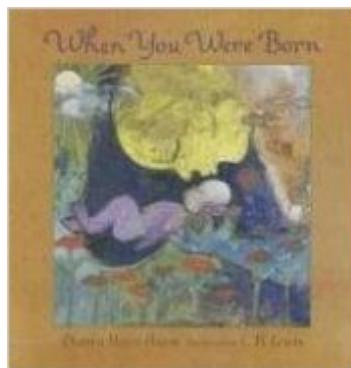


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# When You Were Born



## **Synopsis**

With poetic language and magnificent, deeply moving paintings, this beautiful book preserves the sense of awe inspired when a baby is born. When you were born you came quietly, and with eyes deep as an ocean you looked at me . . . A new baby is born " and as family, friends, and neighbors gather to share the joy, they emerge changed. Their world is redefined as they take a moment to remember the past, imagine the future, and marvel at the tiny miracle before them. In poetry as soothing as a lullaby, Dianna Hutts Aston evokes the sense of reverence that surrounds a newborn like enfolding arms. And in radiant, Chagall-like paintings, unlike any he's published before, Coretta Scott King Award-winning artist E. B. Lewis captures a feeling of wonder that will resonate with anyone who has gazed into the eyes of a newborn child.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

PreSchool-Grade 1 "The tone is warm and sentimental as a mother recalls the birth of her child and the joy felt by the infant's father, grandparents, uncle, and even the wondering acceptance of the curious dog that, after sniffing the newcomer, assumes his role as guardian. Outside the family circle, neighbors gather as well to welcome the new baby. Full-page, evocative paintings in watercolor and markers express the love, joy, and deep reverence conveyed in the poetic text. The slightly abstract figures are rendered in gracefully curving lines and highlighted with touches of gold. Different colors and textures are imaginatively combined to create eye-catching images that are sophisticated yet childlike. Perfect for one-on-one sharing, this lovely book has a universality that gives it broad appeal." Sally R. Dow, Ossining Public Library, NY Copyright © Reed Business

PreS. The moment of bonding with a newborn is the subject of this poignant picture book. Mother speaks to Baby about the unforgettable first moment of holding her in her arms. Then she describes the father's embrace, the grandmother's, the grandfather's, the uncle's--each one depicted on its own double-page spread. The family dog makes an appearance, as do neighborhood mothers and kids. Angels are watching. Aston's simple poetry captures the joy and wonder of birth and the physical detail of the infant's fragility and strength ("kissing your downy head . . . your curled fists"). Lewis' full-page watercolor-and-marker paintings, worlds away from his usual realism, are exuberantly impressionistic in style, reminiscent of Matisse and the magic realism of Chagall. In strong shades of red, blue, and purple, the art captures the spiritual wonder as well as the joyful embrace. Give this to parents and siblings to read to the baby they love. Hazel RochmanCopyright  
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Did not really care for the book. Not really what I would call a "generic" book, as I felt it was written specifically for the author's personal experience. The drawings are very modernistic and done in muted colors, which are not appealing to my tastes. I bought this for the birth of my second grandson, but I much preferred another book titled "On the Night You Were Born" that I had purchased for his older brother. It was appropriate for anyone in any circumstance.

This book was definitely written with the author's own family in mind. It is her own personal feelings towards her child. It just so happened that many of her family events were similar to mine. I did not give the book to my grandson, as intented, because the book was more geared towards my 23 year old daughter's life when she was born. When certain pages did not fit our family, I wrote in memories that did apply. My daughter loved what I did to the book. It is now one of her favorites.

I love buying my granddaughter books with a heart. This book made me cry. The author has a simple yet endearing way to bring you back to the wonders of birth. My granddaughter is the love of my life and this book helped me express my feelings to a 3 year old Beautiful!!! The illustrations are amazing! This would make a terrific baby shower gift!

Love this book, a great read.

This was a used book and it was in great condition. The story is so sweet and it can be related to family experiences when a new baby is born. I recommend it to parents.

This one of the most beautifully written and illustrated picture books. It is a perfect gift for any new parents. Although I must warn that it is likely to make you cry!

The book I ordered was in great condition and arrived in good time. I was truly pleased.

I returned this book because it seemed to be about the author's personal experience when her grandchild was born. She mentions the child's uncle, the neighbors coming to visit and talking about their own baby's births, and other members of her grandchild's family. I felt it didn't focus on the baby and family you were intending the book for, but rather, on the author's own grandchild. My thought was, suppose the child you're buying the book for doesn't have an uncle, or grandfather? I did read someone else's review and that person mentioned the same thing. However, I felt it would be ok, despite what she said. Now, I have to agree with her.

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