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The Baby Signing Book: Includes 450 ASL Signs For Babies And Toddlers





Synopsis

This second edition (9780778804512) replaces the first edition (9780778801634) Now with 100 additional American Sign Language (ASL) symbols plus more case studies. The interest surrounding baby signing continues to increase as more and more parents embrace this special world of communication, which allows babies to communicate before they can talk. Sign language gives them a way to express their wants and needs, easing frustration for both baby and parent. Being able to communicate effectively with a very young child is positively thrilling. Part 1 of the book is an introduction to signing with babies and young children, providing the basic knowledge, skills and strategies to get started. Age-specific guidelines offer advice on signing with children from birth to age 3 and up. Part 2 is a handy dictionary of 450 ASL signs, each clearly illustrated with tips on how to form and remember the signs. Part 3 provides favorite songs and rhymes to sign with a child. Special features include: The top 5 signing tips A program that parents can customize according to their family's needs Answers to frequently asked questions Instructions on the 5 distinct components of ASL signs: body space, hand shape, movement, palm orientation, and facial expression Age-specific advice on how to teach sign language as a child develops. By simply following this book, a special world of communication awaits.

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Customer Reviews

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I read reviews for several baby signing books before settling on this one. I specifically appreciate that the dictionary part of this book is alphabetical, and that each sign comes memory helpers which help me to understand where certain signs come from. It is the perfect book to have lying on your kitchen table to you can quickly refer to it if you need a sign that you forgot. ;) I have had this book for only a week and have already integrated 20 signs into our day with my 8 month old. I am looking forward to having a way to communicate with him once he begins to produce the signs.

I really enjoy this book. There are several usefull signs that I am using with my 5 month old. I have been trying to sign to her since she was about 4 months. She smiles at me when I use certain signs at meal time. I like how this book has the signs listed in alphabetical order with great illustrations. There is also a section to document date the sign was introduced and date the child signed the word. Many tips in this book as well. I would definitely recommend this.

One of my first thoughts, when I hear someone is going to become a parent or a grandparent for the first time, is to get them this book. ASL is so easy to teach to babies and will serve not only to help them communicate with adults even before they are able to talk, but also will help you and your child communicate in public without interrupting conversations or shouting in noisy places. This book has easy to understand instructions and illustrations. I've found it helpful to copy certain pages to show daycare providers the signs the child understands or uses.

I had a hard time choosing a good signing book, and this one did not disappoint. I find the instructions easy to understand and very memorable. I have no complaints.

I bought this as a baby gift, and the mother loved it! Babies seem to pick up the meaning of words when there is a sign to go along with it.

After borrowing this from the local library, I knew we were going to need our own copy.

What I like about this book is that it is actual ASL and not made-up sign language like some other books. It is not going to make you ASL fluent, by any means, but it is useful to know simple words and phrases. The book is very easy to understand. If you do get stuck you can go on their website and watch a short clip of them signing that word or phrase.

This book is the best baby signing book I've run across. I buy them for all my friends with babies. This shows you how to actually do the sign and allows you to record when you first introduced the sign. A must have to keep from melt downs by both baby and parent!

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