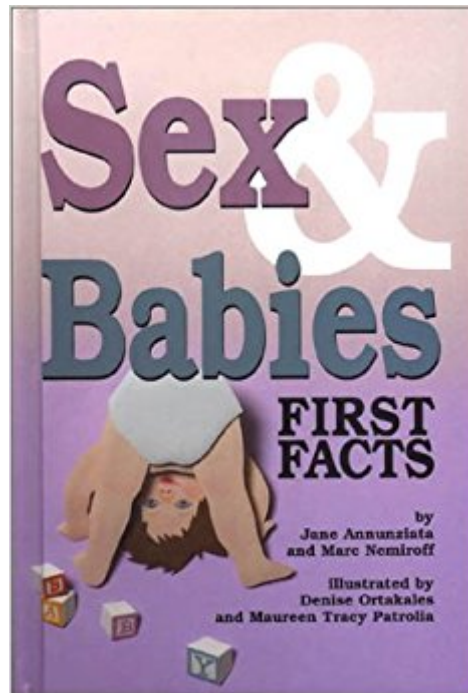




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Synopsis

This educational text introduces the subject of sex and childbirth to young children.

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How are boys and girls different? What is happening inside our bodies? Why do people make love? What is sex? How are babies made? How are babies born? For preteens who are ready for basic but complete answers to these often perplexing questions, *Sex and Babies: First Facts* tells the fascinating story of sexuality and reproduction. And for parents, an afterword discusses the importance of sex education within the family and offers a wealth of advice on what to say and when to say it.

Jane Annunziata, Psy.D., and Marc Nemiroff, Ph.D., have written several books for children, including *Why Am I an Only Child?* and *A Child's First Book About Play Therapy*. Both are clinical psychologists who specialize in families and children. Denise Ortakales' award-winning paper sculpture illustrations have appeared in many children's books and magazines, including *A Carrot in My Pocket* by Kitson Flynn, published by Moon Mountain Publishing, 2001.

When I was looking for a book to address this with my at the time very young child -7ish(I went through it with his younger sister who didn't believe a word of it) who had some questions, I looked at dozens of books and rejected most. This book did a great job of answering the questions without

generating worry or questions that they didn't have until later (12, 13 years old) I didn't like the title at the time, but the very beginning of the book states that there are two meanings of sex, gender and sexual intercourse, then goes on to state that they will be using the term sexual intercourse as the proper term for the rest of the book. It gives all the facts without trying to be funny about it, proper terminology without being clinical. Just bare bones - really what most kids want to know. Now that I've been looking for some help for the same child, now 12, dealing with making sense of all the overinformation of the school friends - His questions and curiosities go in more depth. Many of the books go into, maturation, attraction to the same gender, oral and anal sex, choosing to have sex or not, defining petting, STDs unwanted pregnancies, abortions.....Ugh, I truly think my 12 year old is too young to be thinking about any of it, but unfortunately, he has many questions thanks to friends. Knowing he'll get the answers somewhere, I'd rather know he's getting accurate information and letting him know I don't expect him to be the source of the information for others. So, if you have a teenager that has been hearing way too much, then this book is a great start, but they unfortunately probably have more questions that you can choose to address or not.FYI - my kid asks and tells much more than most - but if your child is the same age, just because they aren't telling you doesn't mean they're not hearing it. We live in a very nice "sheltered" area, so if they're hearing it in "Mayberry", chances are...

I've always been straightforward with my daughter, who is now 11, about her body. She is well informed about puberty, periods and such. I was struggling with how to talk to her about sex since she is still rather innocent in her knowledge. Many books on sex include topics like STDs, masturbation, oral sex, etc., which just seemed too advanced for her at this stage. Then I found this book - Sex and Babies...First Facts - and it was exactly what I was looking for! Very factual and straight forward. The illustrations are very much in keeping with the tone of the book. Other books I researched had cartoon illustrations, which seemed inappropriate and ridiculous. The reality of sex was shocking enough for my daughter that anything over and above what was included in this book would have been way over the top for the stage she is in. As she matures, I will certainly tackle the other issues, but for now this book was perfect. If you are looking for a way to explain the facts of sex to your child in a basic way, get this book! You will not be disappointed!

This is a safe and comfortable book that parents and teachers can use to talk about sex issues with their children. The illustrations are very helpful and the text that accompanies is factual and sensible. This is a must for all parents who have to handle the topic of sex at some point or another

with their curious children.

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