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Best Baby Name Book In The Whole World



Synopsis

More Names, More Up-To-Date, More Helpful And More Fun Than Any Other Baby Name Book! *
over 13,001 boys' and girls' names, nicknames and variations * origins, meanings, and famous
namesakes * the most popular names In the US. and around the world * advice from "Dear Abby" *
15 steps to selecting the right name for your baby * psychological stereotypes of popular names *
how to change names and famous people who did * current baby naming trends * fascinating facts
about names * how to make the best final decision on your baby's name!

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I've always been interested in baby names. I found this book to be quite helpful, because it doesn't go overboard with the alternative spellings. I guess it's good to have options, but it gets overwhelming, and this book is well-organized when it comes to that. The print is bold and somewhat large, so it's easy to read. You should buy it if you need to find a name or if you just find names interesting.

I was surprised to find out how few names the book included. I don't consider "Gabriel", "Gabrielle" and "Gabiella" to be three different suggestions. I bought this book based on the reviews, but was surprised to see that I didn't agree with the majority. The alphabetical section is not user friendly in listing the names. I think I'll need to buy another book or go online for other resources.

I have nearly 100 'baby name' books. Lansky's books are among the most shoddily researched. He also employs tactics to beef up his almighty name count such as misspelling names and adding each misspelling as a separate name in its own right and he even sometimes gives these misspellings different meanings from its correctly spelled root name. He also garners more numbers by adding male names to the female side, euphemistically femininizing their meanings to match the switch. I check the accuracy of each book I get with some easily researchable 'benchmark' names (Alexandra, Benjamin, William, etc) and even with these 'gimmies' he has around a 60% accuracy. That's not even counting the names that comprise the majority of his books, tribal-type names, such as from Africa, Native American tribes, and even those from Celtic roots. I wonder, would Webster get away with 60% accuracy? Certainly not and the same standards of accuracy and research should be applied to name books as well. The thing I find redeeming about Lansky's books is that it's full of outrageously spelled oddities, making it perfect for finding a name for your elven wizard in your next Dungeons and Dragons game.

Though slightly outdated, The Best Baby Name Book is still a good resource for baby names. Not only are there things to consider when naming your baby, there are stereotypes, fascinating facts about names, birthstones and flowers, a baby name worksheet and over 13,000 names to choose from. Each name is listed with it's origin, variations and nicknames clearly visible and easy to understand. I found quite a few interesting and beautiful names. Definitely one to keep around when you're making that important decision!

This book makes the mistake of interpreting rather than defining some of the names. For example, Aidan means "fire," NOT "warmth of the home." Spellings are capricious as well; the most common and traditional spelling of Rhiannon is omitted in favor of several modern misspellings. No guidance is given as to pronunciation, but this is a failing of most name books. If you want to know the meaning of the name you choose for your child, keep browsing--this is not the book for you.

I think this is a book worth checking into. I know it was published in 1984, but it still has many nice names, as well as origins, meanings, and variations. I say if you're having a baby, you should definitely check this one out!

I purchased this book for my daughter so that she could spend hours pouring over it to find the perfect name for her little baby that she's expecting later this year. Three minutes after the book

arrived she had a name picked out and she hasn't touched it since! Lol The book came and was in good condition even though I purchased it used. It came in fairly quickly and now that my daughter is done with it, I will be passing it on. Seller was great. Book was exactly what I was looking for.

The Best Baby Name Book in the Whole Wide World is one of my favorite baby name books! The book has some wonderful names and I like that the author included the origins of the names, the meanings and different spellings, some actual foreign versions of the name and sometimes modern creative spellings. I like the foreign spellings but don't care too much for the invented spellings some of which look like the parents just didn't know how to spell the name. This book also has some interesting sections such as the real names of some famous people who changed their names and the book includes a baby name worksheet where you can list your favorite boy and girl names in the order that you like them and I also like how they included separate lists for the boy and girl names and listed them alphabetically. Some name books don't separate the boy and girl names and I find that frustrating so I find this book to be helpful and I recommend it. It may be an old book but it sure is better than some of the newer name books out there these days!

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