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You Were The First



Synopsis

You will always be the first...A touching tribute to baby's early milestones -- those unforgettable moments that will always be cherished. From first smiles to first cuddles and even to that first kiss, here's a loving ode to every child's -- and parent's -- momentous "firsts."

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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Customer Reviews

K-Gr 1 **Told in second person, this picture book pays tribute to the significance of the moments with a baby from its very first night home. "You were the first. You were the first to sleep in the basket with the yellow ribbon wound round. You were the first to cry. You were the first to smile. Simple, poignant lines allow plenty of room for the warm illustrations done in graphite pencil and ink to bring readers into the joyful home of this young family. Each page is full of telling details for children to notice while conveying emotion that will resonate strongly with parents. The baby grows a little with every page turn in this book of firsts—lifting his head, and then crawling, walking, and running—bringing readers to the powerful line in the text: "You were the first to teach us how to be parents. The book closes with that yellow-ribboned basket again while suggesting a possible second child, but promising that this baby will always be the first. A touching celebration for firstborns. Julie Roach, Cambridge Public Library, MA (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of**

Starred Review Usually books about sibling jealousy over a new baby focus on the interloper. This sweet story reminds firstborns they will always have pride of place. The cover—•an Asian mom and a Caucasian dad smile at their baby and dog lying together on a quilt—•is representative of many adorable pictures to come. The text is directed to the child and tells of his many firsts: You were the first to cry. / You were the first to smile. As the story moves forward, the child becomes a little older in each spread. The tiny baby is soon crawling and blowing kisses at the dog. Later he crawls, toddles at the beach, catches leaves, and makes snow angels. When spring comes, he is the first to dig in the garden. He is also the first to teach us how to be parents. And though one day there may be a second or third child, he is reassured that You will always be the first. In some ways, of course, this is really for parents looking for a reassuring way to talk about family additions. But preschoolers will enjoy this look back, and the story should spark discussion and memories of what it was like when they were young(er). Preschool. --Ilene Cooper

This is a cute book. Our kids are only 20 months apart so I got this to read to my oldest when his sister was born. Like other reviewers have mentioned, I think it's rather specific re: pets, grandparents, location like ocean or suburbs. We have cats, live in a condo in a city so it doesn't all match, but the idea is there and it reads nicely. Until my kid is old enough to know the difference, I just change some of the words to fit our family a little bit better. Also, I think these books may be produced next to an onion factory, because no matter what, every time my son asks me to read this to him my eyes tear up. So weird. Someone should look into that.

This is such a sweet book for only children who are about to become a big sibling. It's probably meant for younger kids but my 7 year old loved it. He thought the book was written just for our family.

Like other have stated, it is oddly specific. It's cute, but of the three books I bought for my daughter when we found out I was expecting our second, this one she wants to read the least. Granted, she is just about to be 2, so it might be better for older kids (maybe around 5 or 6). But the art is gorgeous, and the idea behind the story is what I was hoping for.

Such a sweet story! Bought for my son as we are having another baby .. 6 years later .. this story is

perfect to let him know.. he will always be special and important to us!

My almost 4 year old has been a little anxious about becoming a big sister, but this book is a very sweet reminder that she is special to us, as she is our first... That being said, this book in no way discounts any subsequent children. It only reassures the special bond between a child and their parents (especially if they are currently an only child, waiting on a sibling).

Helped my grandson welcome his baby sister and still feel important to the family.

Another good book we bought to read to our eldest when we found out we were expecting another. Good to let them know they are still important.

Loved the mixed family. Sweet story for preparing the oldest for a new baby in the house--my granddaughter asks for it often.

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