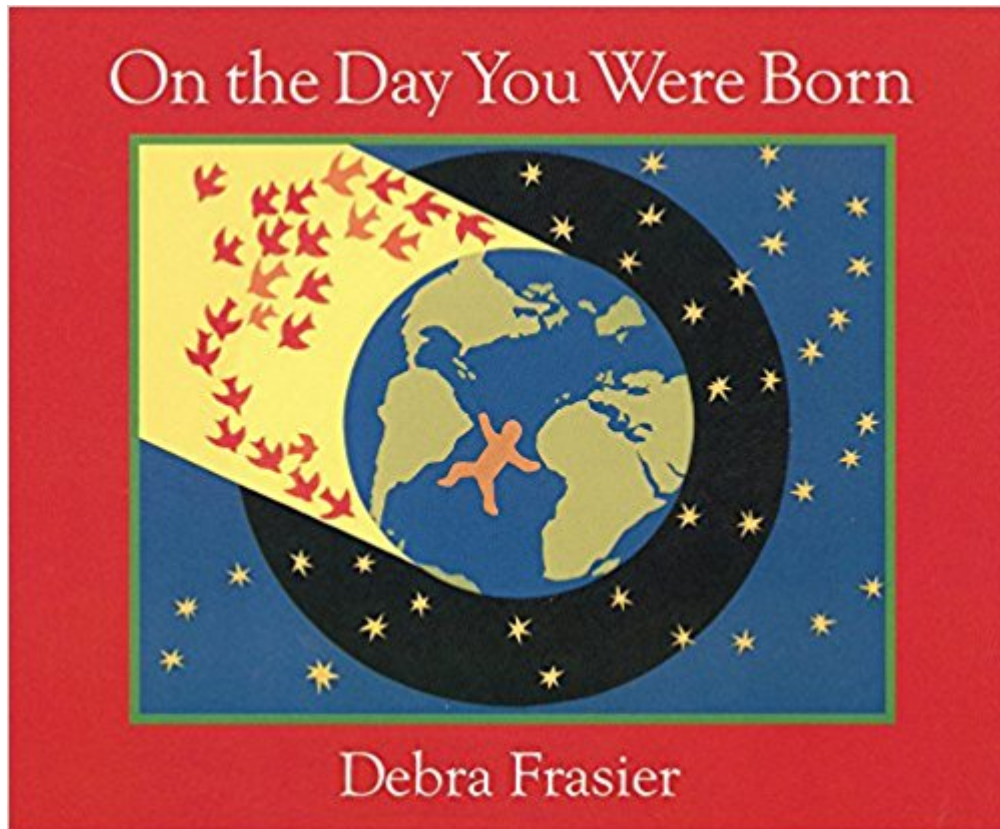




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# On The Day You Were Born



## Synopsis

In simple words and radiant collages, Debra Frasier celebrates the natural miracles of the earth and extends an exuberant welcome to each member of our human family. Accompanied by a detailed glossary explaining such natural phenomena as gravity, tides, and migration, this is an unforgettable book. *“A book filled with reverence for the natural order of the world and the place of the individual in it.”*—School Library Journal

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Inspired by Debra Frasier's enormously popular *On the Day You Were Born*, this charming photo journal invites families to celebrate the arrival of their loved one into the natural world. A star-spangled blue sky, crossed by a swath of sunshine yellow with gold birds, introduces the reader to "the very first day you arrived." Baby's picture and name go right in the middle of all the cheery yellow. Turn the page: "You were born on the round planet Earth. Was it day, or was it night?" is printed with another space for a picture and a line to write the date and time of birth against the backdrop of more starry sky with that old blue and green globe plopped in the middle and a figure of a child frolicking across the ocean. On another page, the jubilant child dances across a beach: "On the day you were born waves washed the beaches clean for your footprints. How little were your fingers? How tiny were your toes?" By adding eight photographs and filling in a few details, parents

can create a very special journal for their child, rejoicing together in all the natural wonders of the universe. Here is an ideal gift for the new parents with a vibrant connection to nature. --Emilie Coulter --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Inspired by her bestselling book of the same name, *On the Day You Were Born: A Photo Journal* by Debra Frasier supplies a sturdy cardboard frame on each of its eight spreads. The photographs then personalize and add meaning to the calming text, "On the day you were born a circle of people welcomed you with voices familiar and clear." On this page, in addition to the photo frame, a prompt asks youngsters (and parents) to write down the "people who welcomed you," while the facing illustration shows a woman holding a baby as friends and family gently dance around her. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Sweet. Beautiful artwork.

My aunt and uncle gave this to my son when they came to the hospital to meet him. I've pulled it out a few times to read it to him when I've been feeling sentimental (it usually makes me tear up a little), but about two weeks ago I pulled it out and got requests for "again" and now it's the book he wants to read before every nap and bedtime. My husband is not a very sentimental guy, but last night he requested that we purchase it for some good friends of ours who just had a little girl. I was shocked. A piece of advice for gift givers: DO make sure you inscribe it with your name(s), a message and the date. It will mean so much. Our son won't let us continue reading if we don't read him the message from my aunt and uncle...he'll keep interrupting with their names. A piece of advice for parents: Yes, the pictures are in an abstract style, but that gives you an opportunity to help your child start to recognize more abstract ideas. Point out not only what's what in the pictures (a whale, a bird, etc.) but point out the features of those animals (tails, heads, feet, wings, etc.). Our son can point out more animals and features every time we read it.

I received this book from a good friend when my baby boy was born (our first). I thought the poetry of birth and the natural world was amazing. And the ending where a circle of loved ones welcomed the new baby whispering "We're so glad you've come," reminded me of all the love our family and friends showed our new baby. I can't read it without tearing up. It's a wonderful reminder that all life is sacred and beautiful. While the art is tribal, not fluffy, and some of the language is advanced for a

developing child, I still love this book. Not every board book should be pastels and one syllable words. But I hope this book will be a keepsake that we can read together and remember what a miracle it was that he was born. I want to foster in him the spirit of this book... that all life is connected and we need to try to live in balance with the environment that sustains our lives.

I wish I had known about this book long before now, because it would have been the only gift I would have given to any new parent. It certainly will be so from now on. In the most beautiful and spiritual wording imaginable, this book tells a child in no uncertain terms that his or her birth was a celebration--a cosmic event that changed the world for the better. Although it has some New Age aspects to it, it transcends any religion or dogma, and is, quite simply, completely beautiful. I want to buy it now, for my two teenaged children to cherish and keep. I want them to know that even though I often want to wring their respective teenaged necks, this is what they mean to me--every single word in this glorious book. I have never felt so moved over a baby gift as I am over this one. It is truly a gift of the heart, not only for me, but for anyone who is, or who has just become, a parent. Sometimes we forget just how much of a celebration the arrival of a new child can be. "On the Day You Were Born" is meant to remind us, and our children, now and forever. What a wonderful keepsake!!

A friend gave me this book when my first baby was born, and I have turned around and bought copies for several friends on the same occasion because it is just so lovely. It has beautiful words and Keith Haring-esque images of the earth and universe and nature, and ties all of the majesty of our planet to the majesty of a baby's birth. No preachiness about the environment, but if you have an outdoorsy, earthy-crunchy pal this could move them to tears. Then again, the tears could be due to the sleep deprivation and breastfeeding pain...Great book though, one of my favorites.

My son is now 15m and LOVES this book. I have read this book to him every single night since he was 4mths old. At that point we wanted to establish a consistent routine for his naps and bedtime. The length and cadence of this book are perfect for calming him down before he goes to sleep. As a parent it is an intelligent book to read and I never, ever get tired of reading it like I do many other kid's board books. The words are eloquent and introduce a variety of multi-syllable words into your child's mind. Long ago the entire book was permanently committed to my memory from reading it so often and the meaningful words never lose their important message. I expect we'll eventually frame each of the gorgeous illustrations and hang them on the wall in his room. This is more than just a

book - it is a brilliant message that every child deserves to hear.

I bought this for my grandson (who is nearly four), and initially, I was disappointed - being a board book, I expected to be a bit less advanced. Surprisingly, however, my grandson loves it -- the illustrations are colorful and very stylized, but also engaging and whimsical. Although there were a number of words that were unfamiliar to him at first, the rest were recognizable enough that he was able to figure some of the new words out from the context; the rest, I helped with, and reinforced it by asking questions whenever we re-read the story ("What does gravity do?" "It holds me to the Earth!"). The message is really heartwarming and positive, even for an old granny like me. :)

This book was recommended by a dear friend who has three young girls. I ordered it for that reason. I can honestly say that I did not know what to expect. I read it as soon as it was delivered and found that I was immediately caught up in the beautiful story, which was different from any other children's book I knew. Since it was a gift for a baby shower for my niece, it was important that the sentiments were special, and they definitely were. I found myself picking it up several times over the next few weeks and completely fell in love with it. I highly recommend it to any parent or grandparent (as I am). It will move you to tears.

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