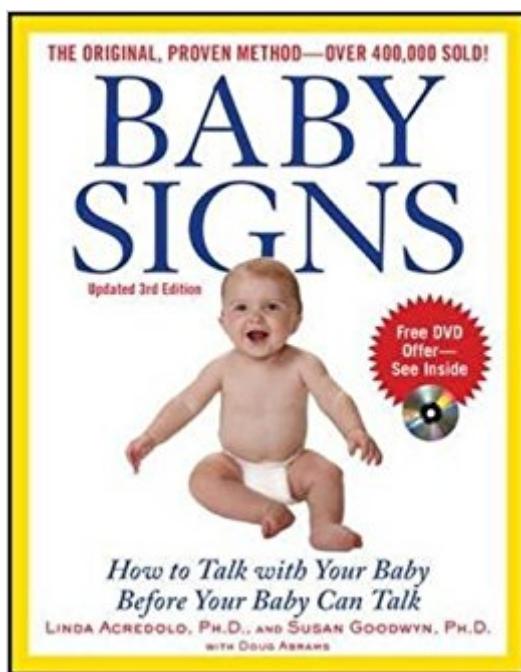


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# Baby Signs: How To Talk With Your Baby Before Your Baby Can Talk, Third Edition



## Synopsis

The Essential Parenting Guide- NOW COMPLETELY UPDATED AND EXPANDED! In 1982, child development experts Linda Acredolo, Ph.D., and Susan Goodwyn, Ph.D., discovered that babies can communicate with simple signs-even before they're able to talk. The result: Baby Signs, the groundbreaking technique that has changed parenting forever. Now, with the widespread popularity of signing with hearing babies and new and exciting research findings to report, the authors have completely revised and expanded Baby Signs to create this indispensable new edition. Featuring an American Sign Language approach, as well as a set of "baby-friendly" alternatives, this comprehensive new program offers all the information any parent needs to join the hundreds of thousands of families around the world who are using Baby Signs to help their children communicate their "joys and fears without tears." (Newsweek) Inside you will find . . .

- An expanded dictionary with easy-to-follow photos of 150 ASL signs along with a set of 35 "baby-friendly" alternatives
- New research showing the benefits of Baby Signs for children's emotional development, for the parent-child relationship, and for reducing frustration and aggression in childcare settings
- Information to help parents use the magic of Baby Signs to meet the challenges of potty training (as seen on CBS's The Doctors)
- Real-life stories of parents achieving both stunning and heartwarming communication breakthroughs with their children

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## Customer Reviews

Linda Acredolo, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Psychology at the University of California at Davis, is

an internationally recognized scholar in the field of child development. She is a Fellow of both the American Psychological Association and the American Psychological Society and has served as an associate editor of the prestigious journal, *Child Development*. She is also a member of the Parents magazine advisory board. Susan Goodwyn, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Psychology at the California State University at Stanislaus, has served as a project director and co-principle investigator for several longitudinal research projects funded by the National Institutes of Health and the Kellogg Foundation. She currently serves as president of Baby Signs, Inc., an infant and toddler educational products company.

I grew tired of this book quickly. The first half of the book is simply talking about WHY you should sign with your child, you don't need to convince me, I ALREADY BOUGHT THE BOOK! It goes on about research and history and doesn't get into the how for quite some time. I'm a new mom, I don't have time to read the fluff, give me the important stuff, nap time is only so long and I gotta get in what I can! The "dictionary" of signs will be useful, but I was disappointed in the style the book was written in.

Twice as long as it needs to be. I bought it because I wanted to learn specific signs. The authors spend the entire book making the case for why you should teach your baby sign languages. I believe there were 6 chapters to that effect. One or two would have been sufficient for me. I finally found the signs in the index, and it occurred to me later that I could have just googled them.

At least half of this book is dedicated to convincing readers why signing is a good idea. If you've already decided that (as I imagine most people are once they've bought a book on the subject), then you can skip most of the book. The very end has a small appendix that actually shows some signs, with small black-and-white photos. About 10 pages of ASL signs and 5 of the flexible, baby-focused signs (which we're interested in). Even this is pathetic - there's no baby sign listed for "milk". I was hoping for some developmental psychology or specific techniques for introducing the notion of language to our LO. On that front, there is nothing here beyond what you could BS by plonking away at your keyboard for a weekend.

I felt like this book did a really great job of telling you WHY you should sign with your baby, which I was already sold on before buying this book. I expected a little more instruction on the HOW of getting signing with my son, but this book still provided a lot of useful signs to get started with and

further convinced me that signing is something we'd like to do.

Item delivered on time, was as described, great customer service. I would Definitely buy again and I would recommend to my friends

The tongue is one of the hardest muscles to use in your body. So teach your kids to communicate with other ways. If your kids can tell you what they want, they will be less frustrated and it will actually be easier for them to learn to talk when its time. I loved all the signs, and so did my kids. This book will teach you how and why and has pictures of the signs most used by babies. And your older kids will love learning these to help the new baby. Its great family time. And if you start signing now as soon as the baby is born - then as soon as they are ready they will sign it back to you! The joys of communicating with your child is beyond words. Not to mention crying is usually reduced because they can tell you what they want, you wont have to guess all the time.

Just had a baby and we are no where near the ability to produce signs but there is no doubt in my mind that he will be able to. If you don't need convincing of the science behind why a baby should or will want to use signs you can skip quite a few chapters and focus on the appendix with signs included in this book and just take in the tips on what signs to start on.

We often buy this book as a baby gift for our friends and family. It was indispensable to us as parents of four children as well. The best gifts are ones that have been parent/kid tested and found so practically helpful. Being able to understand and communicate is a relief for both parent and infant, and what parent doesn't appreciate an easy button!

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