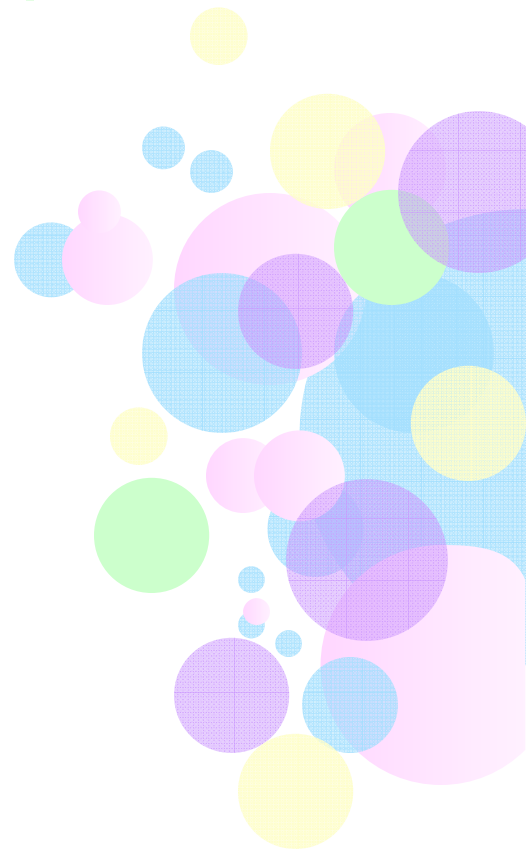
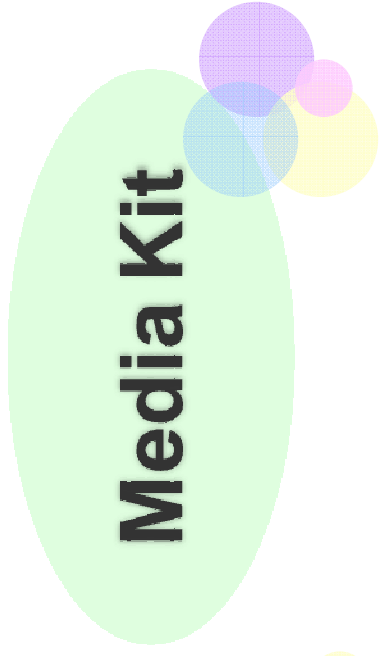


The Miracle of Me

from conception to birth
by Amy Pedersen





Summary

Written from the unborn baby's perspective, The Miracle of Me is about the baby's development in the womb. Although written with a child audience in mind, The Miracle of Me has been embraced by adults as well. The reader takes a week-by-week journey on how the baby progresses via simple language/poetry from the little one's endearing view point. Using real in-utero photography, rulers and scales, the reader can see how the little one advances in the womb.

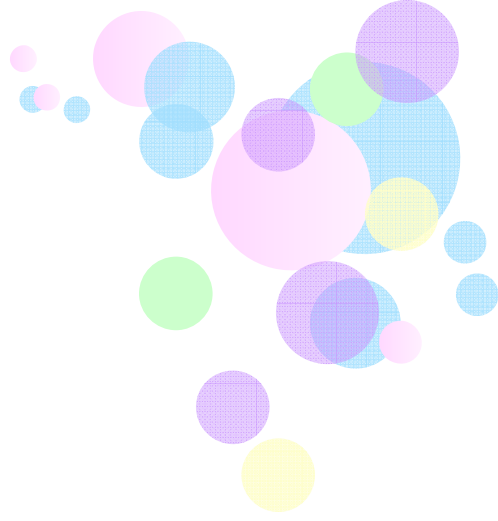
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Questions & Answers from the author

Where did you get the idea to do this book?

When our daughter was just fifteen months old, Jon and I learned that she was going to be a big sister. Since she was so young, I struggled with how to explain to her about the baby growing in my belly. It was then that I was inspired to start my little project. I decided to write a children's book about the baby's growth and development in the womb. This was no easy task, however. I hit a lot of brick walls and put the project on hold more than I'd care to admit ... Especially after my son was born. Eventually though, I gained the clarity I was looking for and it all came together.

This is a great book for children but I learned a lot about life in the womb too.

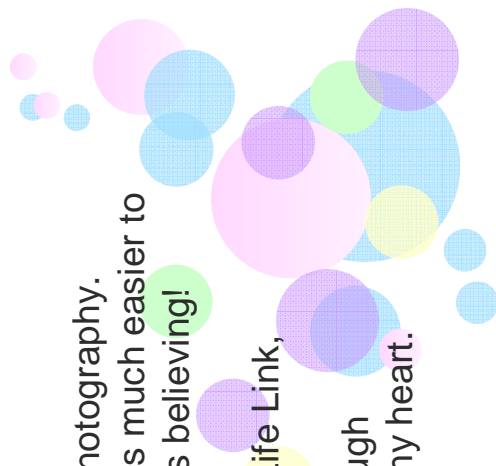
Who is the audience for this book?

As I was researching the details of fetal development for this book, it occurred to me that there was a greater opportunity for book than just educating children about babies in their mommas' bellies. The beauty of this work is that it is relevant to a variety of audiences. While it's simple enough for children, it's great for expecting parents as well.

Why photography? Why not illustrations?

The most important feature of the book, in my opinion, is the use of real in-utero photography. I did not want the reader to think of the baby as a made up character in a book. It's much easier to connect with the baby in the photographs. In the end, I believe that seeing really is believing!

While many of the photographs were donated by Priests for Life and Seminarian Life Link, I obtained the rights to use Lennart Nilsson's famous photographs for this effort. The pregnant belly pictures as well as the newborn baby shots were secured through online photography resources. And the sonogram picture on page 25 is close to my heart. That is a picture of our son.





I understand this book has taken on a life of its own, if you will.

Tell us about the unexpected response to your book.

The simple language and beautiful photography in The Miracle of Me has not only helped children appreciate babies in the womb, but the book has been instrumental in helping many pregnant women feel a connection with their unborn children. Let's face facts. Not all women are excited about their pregnancies. I hate to admit it now but it took some getting used to the idea when I found out I was pregnant with my first child. Not everyone is inclined to run right out and buy What To Expect When Your Expecting after all. Many are not necessarily interested in reviewing the multitudes of brochures available to them about fetal development and some, needless to say, are considering other options to giving birth.

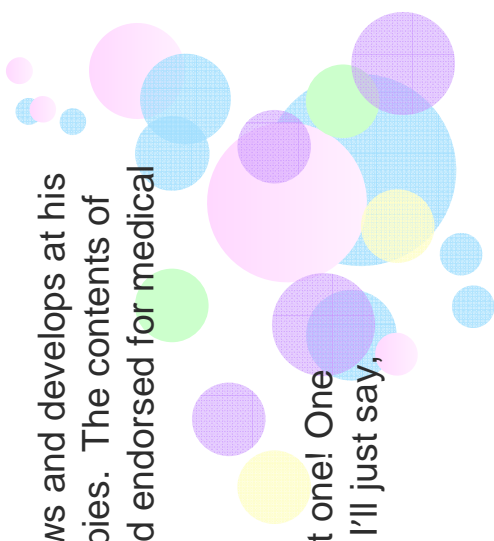
The Miracle of Me is an entertaining yet educational resource to help people of all ages learn more about the life in their womb. It is not judgmental, mind you. It does not say you should do this or should not do that. It just spells out medical facts about the baby's growth and development in a simple yet entertaining way. So this children's book has actually been instrumental in sparing five babies from abortion. I'm very moved by that, needless to say.

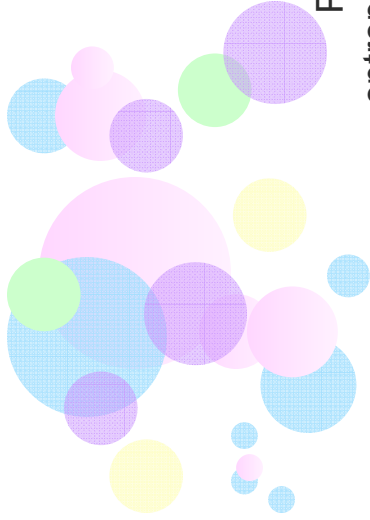
Is this book based on fact or fiction?

I consulted medical professionals when writing this book. While every child grows and develops at his own pace, the weights and lengths noted in the book are those of "average" babies. The contents of the book are medically sound. In fact, The Miracle of Me has been reviewed and endorsed for medical accuracy by Dr. Gerry Sotomayor, OB/GYN.

Do you plan to write another book?

That's like asking a woman who has just given birth when she is having the next one! One thing that children have taught me is to NEVER SAY NEVER. For now though, I'll just say, "We'll see".



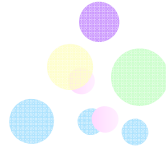


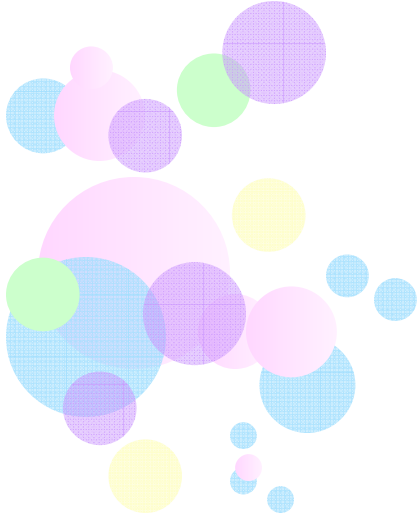
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In addition to her most treasured roles as wife and mother of two, Amy Pedersen is an author, a speaker, a freelance consultant, an inventor, an entrepreneur and a volunteer. And sometimes she even sleeps. Amy earned her Bachelor's degree (Journalism/Advertising) from the University of Georgia and her degree (Marketing) from Georgia State University. Amy co-founded Branches Unlimited LLC dba Slimpressions with her sister-in-law, Jennifer Daniels, www.slimpressions.com. She is also a member of the Moms in Business Network, the National Association of Female Executives and the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

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