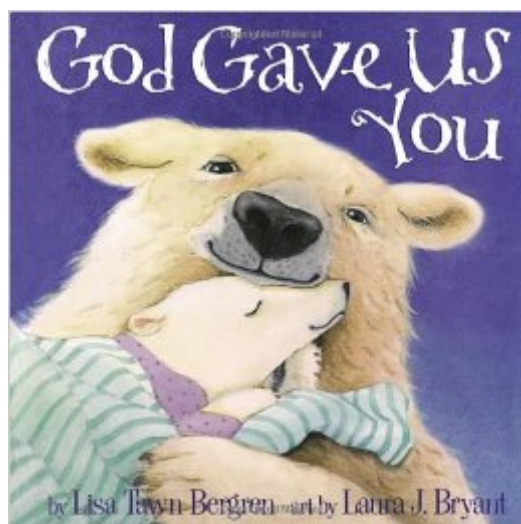


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# God Gave Us You



## Synopsis

When a charming polar bear cub climbs into bed one night, she asks her Mama a very important question--one that little "human cubs" often wonder about, too: "Where did I come from?" As Mama bear tucks her youngest cub under the quilts, she gently, tenderly, and reassuringly communicates the message loving parents everywhere (bears and non-bears alike) want their little ones to hear: "We wanted you very, very much, and we are so very glad becauseâ "God gave us you." Perfect for bedtime, naptime, storytime or anytime, God Gave Us You provides a valuable opportunity to build children's self-esteem every day and assure each one that he or she truly is a welcomed, precious, and treasured gift from the Lord. Also available in the God Gave Us series: God Gave Us Two God Gave Us Christmas God Gave Us Heaven God Gave Us Love God Gave Us So Much

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## Customer Reviews

After reading the description for "God Gave Us You" and a few of the glowing reviews, we decided to purchase this book with the intent that it would be read to a child who was adopted. We thought it would be perfect focusing not on the physical pregnancy/birth aspect of things, but instead on the fact that children are given to their parents by God. This was our mistake, as the book mainly focuses on the pregnancy and subsequent delivery for the little bear. While the book is a cute story and a nice read for small children to answer the question of "where did I come from?" physically, it would be totally inappropriate for an adoptive parent to read it to his or her child. We will eventually

end up giving the book to another friend who does have biological children as it is still a nice story, just not at all what we expected. 4 stars is for the story itself, but the book description would get 1 star.

I just read this book to my 4-year-old son. I should have previewed it before I read it aloud. About half way through, I started to cry. This is such a touching story. It explains, in loving words and pictures, how little cub came to be and why her parents wouldn't trade her for the world. I definitely suggest this for anyone with small children. One word of advice, read it to yourself BEFORE you read it to your child aloud. Maybe you won't cry through the second half of the book as I did.

My husband and I love to read this book to our daughter who is 6 months old (we have read it to her since she was in my belly) It is such a sweet story about a mommy bear and a baby girl bear. The story tells the baby what a blessing she is to her mommy and daddy and how God had given her to them.

This book is a beautiful way of explaining where baby comes from without giving an adult answer. The simple message that your child was a gift from God sums it up, and in a sweet story. The illustrations are soothing, and the story is a good bedtime read.

I appear to be in the minority here, but I truly did not like this book. The text comes across as awkward and contrived. For instance, the little polar bear at one point says something about being "borned." It sounds as if an adult is trying to make it sound like a child is speaking but it's not realistic and came across as forced to me rather than the way a mother and child would actually speak to each other. The mother keeps answering "because God gave us you," even when that line doesn't answer the question. It is hard to explain, but "contrived" is the best word I can come up with. I also didn't care for the way the polar bears rushed to the hospital (an igloo) pulled by a sleigh of huskies - why would animals be pulled by other animals, and why would bears who hang out outside in the snow and swim in the ocean on previous pages give birth in a hospital and then not nurse their baby, as polar bears would actually do? It's odd to me whenever animals are depicted bottle-feeding their babies. The book has a positive message of babies coming from God, which I agree with wholeheartedly, but the writing style just didn't make it an appealing story to me.

This beautiful story is very appropriate for my three year old daughter's questions about where she

came from. This book chronicles a the birth of a baby bear from when her parents pray for a baby bear all the way through birth without all of the medical details. It simply shows the Mommy bear's tummy growing and the parents preparing for their new arrival. It tastefully omits the actual parts of conception and delivery. It leaves these details for parental discretion. My daughter loved it!

FROM GOD... of course!!! This book is just perfect... it is a very cute story of how a baby gets from heaven to the family... a small child (polar bear) is asking her mama where she came from and the reply is "God gave us you"... this goes from conception to birth without all the messy details that little ones just won't get, and You probably aren't ready to give... but it will appease the child for quite some time... also, the illustrations are just adorable...

This is the favorite of all of the children's books I have read to my baby so far!!! Every time I read it, I get a little teary eyed. The story line and illustrations are equally beautiful! It will be one of the signature Baby Shower gifts I will be giving to all of my new pregnant friends!

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