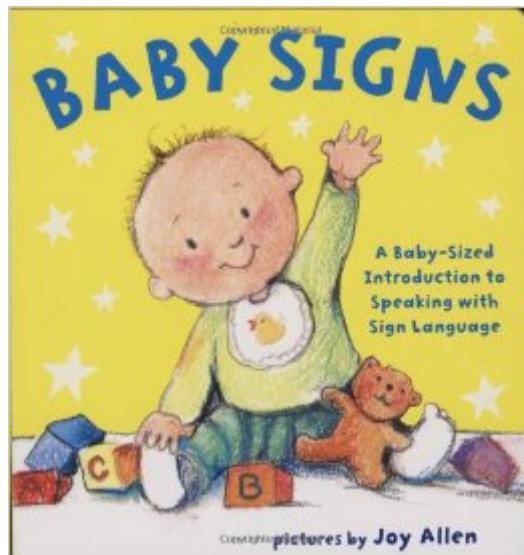


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# Baby Signs



## Synopsis

Long before they're able to talk, babies have a whole lot to say. With this adorable board book of essential signs, babies and toddlers can easily learn how to communicate their needs, wants, and feelings?and even make basic observations?with a simple gesture. Studies show that babies who use sign language feel less frustrated, throw fewer tantrums, and often learn to talk more easily. Just point to a sign in the book, say the word while making the sign, and the baby will soon be signing. Communicating a wet diaper or a hungry belly, asking for help or saying ?all done? becomes as easy as waving hello or good-bye. And these are just a few of the thirteen signs inside this small and adorably illustrated board book, perfect for little hands?and minds?to grasp.

## Book Information

Board book: 16 pages

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Product Dimensions: 6.5 x 0.3 x 7.1 inches

Shipping Weight: 7.2 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.3 out of 5 starsÂ  See all reviewsÂ (488 customer reviews)

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Age Range: Baby and up

Grade Level: Preschool and up

## Customer Reviews

We got this book in addition to two others in the hopes of teaching our son sign language. When flipping through the first two books I became a little overwhelmed, but then I got to this one... it is perfect for beginning to learn sign language. It has 14 very basic and often used signs. I started doing these signs when my son was about 4 1/2 months old. Most commonly 'milk'. He is now 6 1/2 months and already giggles and gets VERY excited when I make the sign to him, he knows what's coming! :) I look forward to him being able to sign back to me one day! We have now mastered all 14 of these signs and use them every day and have now moved on to the next books!

This is a super-cute little board book, for babies and toddlers. It shows a baby using signs in

context, such as signing WATER in the bath or EAT while in the highchair at mealtime. Contrary to what one reviewer stated, the signs in this book ARE all ASL. I use this book in my baby sign language classes and storytimes, just for this reason. The reviewer may be confusing this with a book by the same title by another author, which uses non-ASL gestures. This is not that book. There are also often more than one version of ASL signs, which are regional differences, kind of like accents or calling a 7Up or a Coke a "soda" or a "pop" depending on where you live. Pick up any comprehensive ASL dictionary, and you'll often find 2-4 versions of a sign for a particular English word. And I can assure you that you will find the versions represented in this little board book.

Our daughter is only 9 months old right now, a bit too young for signing yet, but recently several parents we know shared their positive experiences with using baby sign language that I figured we should get an early start with introducing both her and us to it. Last week I just came across this book in a store, and it looked like a good first book for children to begin looking at. It's a sturdy board book that includes 13 useful words that your baby will want to use -- milk, water, more, all done, diaper, sleepy, it hurts, help me, mom, dad, cat, dog, and book. As a parent, there are a few other words I'd also like to know getting started (such as, there is the sign for "more" but what about first communicating that they are "hungry" in the first place?) -- but for a child's board book, it still seems to be a good one.

We purchased this book for our son when his son was born. We all helped teach the baby signs to our 6 month old grandson. He was able to communicate basic wants, needs and feelings before he could talk. We believe that early signing is why our grandson can speak and communicate so well today at 2 1/2.

I used to believe that teaching my baby signs would hinder her speech development. It is the opposite! Her first words are all words that she had a sign for.

This book does a good job of teaching baby as well as parent how to do some basic signs (dog, cat, diaper, water, all done, milk, etc.). The pictures grab my daughter's attention and have since she was 5 months old (she is almost 9 months and still loves it). She already does a gesture very similar to 'milk' when she is hungry. The book itself is well-made and a size my daughter favors - not too long, not too big, not too thick. Nice colors that catch her attention. However, I find the choice of words to be a bit strange. I don't see why a baby needs to learn the sign for the word 'diaper', but

not the sign for the word 'wet' or 'dirty' or even 'potty'. Why teach 'water' or 'milk' when one should learn 'hungry' or 'thirsty' first? The words 'yes' and 'no' are not in this book, and they are words we are teaching our daughter and she is already responding to the signs. The choice of teaching 'cat' and 'dog' I find a bit strange for not every household has these pets. Though my daughter adores this book, I think the selection of signs to be lacking and feel there are more useful signs out there for your little one.

Waste of money. Too few signs (14) in the book. Two of them are cat and dog. Not everyone has them at home but there are so many other more basic signs that could be there instead, for example, eat, drink which every baby does. Save your money and spend it on some other board book with more signs.

My son enjoys this book and the drawings are nice but I am disappointed by the fact that not all of the signs are consistent with ASL. As a breastfeeding and cloth diapering mother the pages for milk and diaper are confusing to my son but I understand that the author was writing this for the masses. I really like the concept but wish that all of the signs included were ASL instead of just some.

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