



## Crib Notes: A Random Reference for the Modern Parent

By Amy Maniatis; Elizabeth Weil

Chronicle Books, 2004. Book Condition: New. Brand New, Unread Copy in Perfect Condition. A+ Customer Service! Summary: You're holding your baby son in your arms. And like any new parent, you have a question. Could he be the next Dalai Lama? "Crib Notes: A Random Reference for the Modern Parent" has the answer (he might be, if he has large ears, long eyes or the mark of a conch shell on one palm) and other facts in an enjoyably quirky new book. How do the gestational periods of women compare to other mammals'? We beat rabbits by a wide margin, 226 days to 31, but the Indian elephant trumps every other creature on the list, with 624 days of pregnancy. There are stage directions for "Itsy-Bitsy Spider," a list of Dr. Seuss characters, tips for making a dog-shape balloon and a list of morals taught in Aesop's Fables. ("The Fox and the Goat" teaches kids to "look before they leap.") "There was no book out there that spoke to the sort of urban and hopefully hip people we were before we got pregnant," says Elizabeth Weil, who compiled the book with Amy Maniatis. "We wanted to put together a list...



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