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### What To Expect When You're Expecting Hatchlings: A Guide for Crocodillian Parents (and Curious Kids) by Bridget Heos

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Review:

Organized as a series of questions and answers that a prospective parent might ask, this book takes readers through the lifecycle of crocodilians—crocodiles, alligators, caimans, and gharials. From information on how to safely lay an egg to tips on how to care for them when they hatch, the book offers advice on exactly what to expect in each stage of life. Along the way, readers become thoroughly informed about the life of these interesting creatures.

Because the text parodies well-known parenting handbooks written for humans, this picture book is very humorous. The text is directed at crocodilian parents, which teaches readers that these creatures are loving parents rather than monstrous reptiles. Extensive research shows that the author did not skimp on information in favor of humor, and readers are certain to learn more about crocodilians than ever before. The illustrations for this book support the text, and they are both well crafted and well placed; however, the star of the book is definitely the writing. The combination of humor and fact will appeal to a wide variety of readers and make the book an excellent learning tool.

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