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### Meet a Baby Kangaroo

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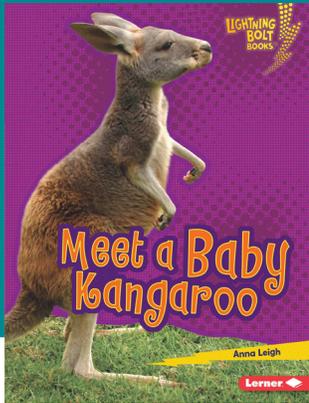
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## Book Review

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### Rating

Outstanding

### Level

Primary

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24

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Lerner Classroom

These amazing creatures start out no bigger than a jelly bean. A newborn can make its way up to its mother's teat to suck in its first drops of fresh milk in a matter of five short minutes. While its eyes remain closed for the first 100 days of its tiny life, the baby joey continues growing inside the protection of its mother's pouch, where it will remain for a full six months. Then, this precious marsupial will make its way out of the pouch to venture out into the world unknown. It will return to its mother's pouch for refuge and some nourishment, but will no longer be confined there. Eventually, if it's a male, it will leave its mother and journey onward to find a new mob to join. Conversely, if the youngster is a female, it will likely remain a part of its mother's mob for the duration of its lifetime. These fascinating creatures live an average of 22 years.

Author Anna Leigh introduces young children to the fundamentals of the life cycle, from birth to adulthood, of this adorable and beloved marsupial in this informational children's book, *Meet a Baby Kangaroo*. She brilliantly weaves National Geographic-like photographs, highlighted, bold text, and intriguing fact boxes into this nonfiction piece. Additionally, a glossary is provided at the end of the book for those unfamiliar with some of the terminology. Children as young as five or six will be drawn to the vivid photographs and fascinating subject matter included, though they will likely need a parent, teacher, or older child to read it to them. Most third and certainly fourth grade students will be able to read it with relative ease. *Meet a Baby Kangaroo* is a multi-purpose book that can be used as an excellent resource for animal research projects about growth and development, or simply as an exciting adventure in reading!