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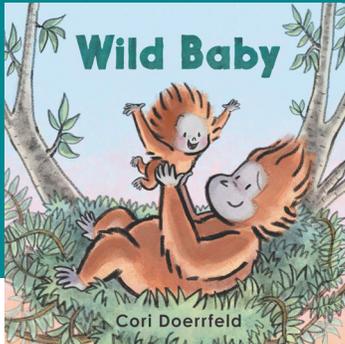
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## Book Review

# Wild Baby

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### Rating

Outstanding

### Level

Toddler

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### Pages

32

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2019

### ISBN

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### Publisher

Harper

Deep in the jungle, Wild Baby wakes up ready to play. He jumps from and slides across tree branches, swings from vines, and terrorizes the other jungle animals with his wild antics as his mama hurries after him, struggling to keep up. Much to Mama's dismay, her baby unwittingly attracts the attention of a dangerous predator—a jungle cat. Just when it seems the jungle cat is going to catch up to Wild Baby, the branch the cat is climbing snaps, sending it tumbling to the ground. Mama is relieved that her baby is safe, but scolds him for running away from her. Wild Baby, still a little shaken from his latest adventure, apologizes to his mama and offers her a gift.

Wild Baby's intricate illustrations, fun rhyming scheme, and positive message all make this book an enjoyable read for parents and children alike. The story is written very simply, using short phrases of six or fewer words, ensuring that smaller children will not lose interest before getting to the next page. The book's illustrations are very detailed and make the story more enjoyable and easy for readers to follow. The characters and events from Wild Baby could easily be used to teach children about the dangers of getting separated from their caretakers. For example, parents could point out that, just as Wild Baby didn't realize he was being hunted by the jungle cat, the child may not recognize a danger, such as a busy street or unfriendly stranger, until it's too late.