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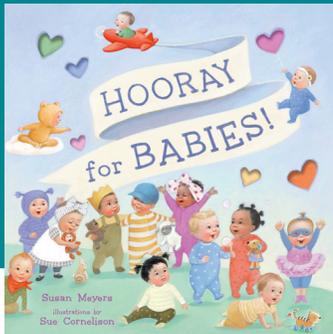
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## Book Review

# Hooray for Babies!

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### Rating

Outstanding

### Level

Toddler, Preschool

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### Pages

32

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2019

### ISBN

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### Publisher

HMH Books for Young Readers

What's there to love about babies? All sorts of things—from their heads to their toes. They can pick things up and drop things down, scoot and crawl and stand. They can clap and dance and play dress-up, and they can have fun with lots of other babies too. Of course, snacks and naps are an important part of baby life, and it's always exciting to see other babies at the park. The message of this book is clear—it's great to be a baby.

The first thing that stands out about this book is its unique structure. It features a thick cover with several hearts cut out of it, and both the cover and the large pages have rounded corners, making it more child friendly. Soft, gently painted illustrations give the book a calm feel, and each page has plenty to look at but isn't overwhelmingly busy. The dozens of babies illustrated throughout the book seem to include different races and skin colors, which is a great way to teach young children to value diversity. Though the book uses the word "babies," the term denotes toddlers as well as infants, and this audience will surely enjoy a book all about them. The text, written in rhyming verses that flow easily, gives children plenty to do, such as notice different body parts and copy the babies' poses and actions. It also gives parents a great opportunity to prompt the child to participate with questions such as "What do you like to have as a snack?" and "What do you usually see at the park?" Though it doesn't have much of a plot, this is a fun read-aloud book that can empower infants and toddlers by showing them all the things they can do and how fun it is to be a kid.