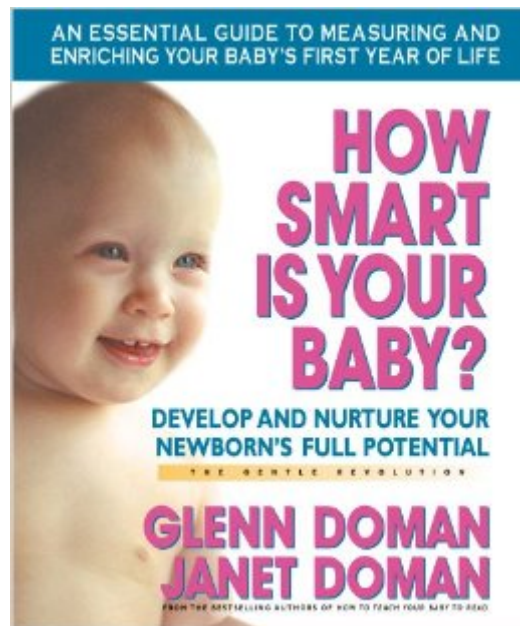


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# How Smart Is Your Baby?: Develop And Nurture Your Newborn's Full Potential (The Gentle Revolution Series)



## Synopsis

The first months after birth are vital to the long-term well-being of a child. Yet parents do not have the information they need to make their baby's life as stimulating as it should be. *How Smart Is Your Baby?* provides parents with all the information required to help their baby achieve full potential. The authors first explain infant growth, and then guide parents in creating a home environment that enhances brain development. A developmental profile allows parents to track their child's progress, determine strengths, and recognize where additional stimulation is needed.

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## Customer Reviews

As an Engineer, I feel much more comfortable with proven methods over theory and hearsay. So, when I first read "How to Teach Your Baby Math" and "How to Teach Your Baby to Read", I was a bit skeptical. I wanted to see results for myself. After just a few months of working with our daughters, the methods' positive effects were obvious. We stopped wondering if the programs worked, and started wishing we had started from birth. "How Smart is Your Baby" was released the following year, the same month our son Vaughn was born. We applied the book's suggestions from the moment we brought him home from the hospital. Vaughn is our 3rd child, and he has far exceeded the developmental rate of his siblings. Childcare professionals have commented on how strong, alert, and developed he seems. Even our pediatrician was taken aback. At his 4 month check-up, I received the usual string of questions: "can he do this yet... is he doing that yet...". After

repeatedly answering, "he's been doing that for over a month now", I ran down his list of milestones... crawled 10-football fields by 2 months, baby-talk and laughing by 2 1/2, rolling over by 3, holding breath underwater, etc. For the first time in 3 babies, our doctor looked up from her clipboard and said "wow, whatever you guys are doing at home, keep it up... he's doing great!" "What we're doing at home" is covered quite explicitly in "How Smart is Your Baby?" This book is very reader-friendly and the suggestions are incredibly effective. It has become unquestionably clear to me that a child's abilities are dependent on his opportunities to develop those abilities. This book gives every parent the tools to play an active role in that development. Thank you, IAHP!

I'm not going to say what the book is about as I think some of the other reviews cover this fairly well. I'll recommend the book for the following reasons: 1) This is a nice companion to the book "What To Do About Your Brain-injured Child..." It is an organized guide that takes you step by step through the first four levels of the IAHP Developmental Profile showing you specifically what to look for during evaluations and giving you clear guidelines for how to address areas that need further improvement. Now a book is needed to address the next three levels. 2) Though I was seriously considering home schooling my child on the condition that he still be allowed to participate in school sports/activities to socialize, I probably wouldn't have bothered with a book like this prior to my son being born, figuring kids should be allowed to enjoy their childhood, but Doman makes a lot of sense to me and I think you can still apply a lot of their techniques and simultaneously let kids enjoy being children. 3) Had I used this book with my son from the start, I might have discovered some of the brain injuries much sooner and certainly addressed them via their techniques much sooner. So even if you don't want to make a super kid, I recommend you at least use the book as a diagnostic because it will help you catch things that your child's doctor might miss as he/she rushes through a so-called "well checkup" or more importantly it might help you catch subtle changes that occur in your child if he gets injured after he or she is born.

I love all the Glenn Doman books and have used them with varying degrees with all my children. We are now into the second generation. I attended the course at the Institute and am a firm believer that it does make a difference. My kids are very well adjusted and extremely accomplished and people always ask how I raised such smart, well adjusted children. Did I do everything as those who participate in the Institute did. NO! I have a very busy career, am a community volunteer, wife, & daughter to aging parents! I did what I could, and made it fun for all of us. People thought I was nuts

at the time so I seldom talked about the program but enjoyed seeing the results. When my daughter was in ninth grade and took European history, she could name all the European painters without studying them. She was amazed! She kept asking, "Mom how do I know this?" I confess, I love art and spent a great deal of time making cards on the great artist when she was little. I am an interior designer. I believe her brain stored this information until she needed it. Today, this child is working on her M.D./PhD in neuroscience. She is happy and well adjusted as are my other kids. I find it so interesting to see how all the areas, such as physical, math, reading, speaking, relate to each other. By the way, I always played foreign language tapes in the car when the kids were little, and we watched foreign language cartoons I checked out of the library... all my children are fluent in several languages, even tho I can only speak English! The brain is amazing and babies are sponges wanting to learn! Regardless if you choose to believe in this program or not, make learning fun for your little one and you will be amazed at the results! For me personally, this was best thing I ever did!

When I became pregnant with my first child six years ago, one of the first things that I did was go to a bookstore to begin my reference library for babies. Along with the classics "What to Expect When Your Expecting" and the like, there are a sea of infant stimulation books. I think that I read the good majority of them, if not all. At that time, "How Smart is Your Baby" had not been published, but the book that did stay with me was "How To Teach Your Baby to Read". It was the only book that actually teaches you how to joyously and systematically stimulate your child. I have since read "How Smart is Your Baby" and it combines the principles of infant stimulation contained in all the other books written by Janet, Douglas and Glenn Doman. Many years and three children later, I live the principles of this book every day. The joie de vivre that infuses our lives cannot be measured. This is an easy to read book. Even if you decide not to apply the principles, you owe it to your child to read this book. You'll never see child development in the same way again and your understanding of your own child will be the reward.

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