
CONTENTS

Chapter 1

"IT'S GOING TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE"

The Four Truths That No One Tells You.....	1
What Does a Baby Cost For the First Year?.....	3
Reality Check: How Much You Can Save.....	4
What? There's No Advertising in this Book?.....	5
So, Who Are You Guys?.....	6
7 Commandments of Baby Bargains.....	6
What You Need When.....	8
We Get Questions: Top 6 Q&A.....	9
What's New in This Edition?.....	11

Chapter 2

NURSERY NECESSITIES: CRIBS, DRESSERS & MORE

Cribs	13
7 Things No One Tells You About Buying a Crib.....	13
The Best Baby Crib (Overall).....	19
Best Budget-Friendly Crib.....	21
Best Crib for City Dwellers.....	23
Best Eco-Baby Crib.....	25
Best Crib Made in the USA.....	27
Best High-Style Crib.....	29
Best Travel/Portable Baby Crib	29
Best Crib for Short Parents.....	31
Best Crib for Grandma's House.....	32
Chart: Crib Brands Compared.....	34
Mattresses	36
7 Things No One Tells You About Crib Mattresses.....	36
8 Tips To Lower the Risk of SIDS.....	38
Best Baby Crib Mattress (Overall).....	41
Best Budget-Friendly Crib Mattress.....	43
Best Eco-Friendly Crib Mattress.....	43
Best Travel/Portable Crib Mattress.....	44
Best Waterproof Pad.....	45
Best Changing Table Pad.....	45
Bassinets	46
7 Things No One Tells You About Bassinets.....	46
The Best Bassinet (Overall).....	49
Best Travel Bassinet.....	50

Nursery Dressers	50
7 Things No One Tells You About Nursery Dressers.....	50
Best Nursery Dressers (Overall).....	53
Best Budget-Friendly Nursery Dresser.....	54
Best Dresser Splurge.....	55
Best Eco-Friendly Dresser.....	55
Glider Rockers	56
7 Things No One Tells You About Glider Rockers.....	56
Best Glider Rocker (Overall).....	58
Best Budget-Friendly Glider Rocker	59
Best Upholstered Glider Rocker.....	60

Chapter 3

BABY BEDDING & DECOR

7 Things No One Tells You About Crib Bedding.....	61
Best Crib Bedding (Overall).....	65
Tips on Eco-Friendly Crib Bedding.....	67
Best Budget-Friendly Crib Bedding.....	68
Best Quick-Change Sheets.....	68
Best Blankets.....	69
Best Play Yard Sheets.....	69
Chart: Crib Bedding Brands Rated.....	70
Licensed Bedding: Who Makes What?.....	72

Chapter 4

THE REALITY LAYETTE: LITTLE CLOTHES FOR LITTLE PRICES

Baby Clothes	73
7 Things No One Tells You About Baby Clothes	74
The Baby Bargains Layette.....	77
Garage & Yard Sales: 9 Tips for the Best Bargains.....	78
Baby Clothes to Avoid.....	82
The Best Baby Clothes Brands.....	84
Top Picks for Daycare, Weekends & Special Occasions.....	85
Diapers	86
11 Keys to Saving Money on Diapers.....	88
The Best Disposable Diaper.....	90
The Best Budget-Friendly Disposable Diaper.....	91
Best Disposable Diaper to Buy at 2am.....	92
Best Eco-Friendly Disposable Diaper.....	92
The Best Cloth Diaper	93
Diaper Wipes	94
The Best Diaper Wipes (Overall).....	95
Best Eco-Friendly Diaper Wipes.....	96

Chapter 5

FEEDING BABY: BREASTFEEDING, BOTTLES, HIGH CHAIRS

Breast Pumps	97
7 Things No One Tells You About Breast Pumps.....	97
Best Breast Pump (Overall).....	101
Best Manual Breast Pump.....	102
Best Mini-Electric Breast Pump.....	103
Baby Bottles	105
7 Things No One Tells You About Baby Bottles.....	105
The Best Baby Bottle (Overall).....	107
Best Glass Baby Bottle.....	109
Best Bottle Warmer.....	109
Best Bottle Sterilizer.....	110
Formula	111
7 Things No One Tells You About Baby Formula.....	111
Best Baby Formula (Overall).....	113
Best Name Brand Baby Formula.....	114
Best Organic Formula.....	115
Baby Food	115
7 Things No One Tells You About Baby Food.....	114
Baby Food Certifications: What is Organic?.....	118
The Best Baby Food.....	119
Hints On Making Your Own Baby Food.....	120
Best Baby Food Storage.....	121
Baby Food Processors	123
7 Things No One Tells You About Baby Food Processors.....	123
Best Food Processor for Baby Food.....	124
Best Food Mill.....	126
Best Baby Food Steamer/Processor.....	126
High Chairs	127
7 Things No One Tells You About High Chairs.....	127
Safety Alert: High Chair Hazards.....	129
Best High Chair (Overall).....	132
Best Budget-Friendly High Chair.....	134
Best Modern High Chair.....	134
Best Urban/Space-Challenged High Chair.....	135
Best High Chair For Grandma's House.....	135
Chart: High Chairs Compared (Ratings).....	136
Best Hook-On Chair.....	138
Best Kitchen Booster With Tray.....	139
Best Kitchen Booster Without Tray.....	140

Chapter 6

AROUND THE HOUSE: MONITORS, DIAPER PAILS, SAFETY & MORE

Bath	141
The Best Baby Bathtub (Overall).....	142
Best Folding Bath Tub.....	143
Best Bath Sling.....	144
Best New Bath Gizmo	144
The Best Potty Seat.....	145
Diaper Pails	146
7 Things No One Tells You About Diaper Pails.....	146
The Best Diaper Pail (Refill).....	148
The Best No-Refill Diaper Pail.....	149
Humidifiers	150
7 Things No One Tells You About Humidifiers.....	150
The Best Humidifier (Cool Mist).....	152
Bouncer Seats	153
Best Bouncer Seat (Overall).....	153
Best Budget-Friendly Bouncer.....	154
Best Eco-Friendly Bouncer.....	154
Play Yards	155
7 Things No One Tells You About Play Yards.....	155
Best Play Yard (Overall).....	157
Best Play Yard for Outdoors.....	157
Best Play Yard for Multiples.....	157
Swings	158
Best Swing (Overall).....	158
Best Portable Swing.....	158
Monitors	159
7 Things No One Tells You About Video Baby Monitors.....	159
Best Video Baby Monitor, PTZ.....	161
Best Video Baby Monitor, Streaming.....	162
Chart: Baby Video Monitors Compared.....	166
Audio Baby Monitors.....	168
7 Things No One Tells You About Audio Baby Monitors.....	168
Best Audio Baby Monitor.....	172
Smart Baby Monitors: Not Ready for Prime Time.....	173
Safety: The Best Safety Gates & More Safety Advice	174
7 Things No One Tells You About Buying Safety Gates.....	174
Top 11 Safety Must Haves.....	176
The Best Safety Gate for Stairs.....	177
The Best Pressure Safety Gate.....	178
The Best Play Yard Gate.....	179
The Best Fireplace Hearth Gate.....	179
The Best Window Guard.....	180
Best Baby Thermometer: Rectal.....	181
Best Baby Thermometer: Oral & Underarm.....	192
Best High Tech Baby Thermometer.....	182

Chapter 7

CAR SEATS

Infant Car Seats	184
7 Things No One Tells You About Infant Car Seats.....	184
Best Infant Car Seat (Overall).....	187
Best Budget-Friendly Infant Car Seat.....	191
Best Infant Car Seat For Urban Parents.....	192
Chart: Infant Car Seats Rated, Compared.....	194
Convertible Car Seats	196
7 Things No One Tells You About Convertible Car Seats.....	197
Best Convertible Car Seat (Overall).....	199
Best Budget-Friendly Convertible Car Seat.....	201
Best Convertible Car Seat for Urban Parents.....	203
Chart: Convertible Car Seats Rated, Compared.....	204
Booster Car Seats	206
7 Things No One Tells You About Booster Car Seats.....	206
Best Booster Car Seat (Overall).....	209
Best Budget-Friendly Booster Car Seat.....	213
Best Booster Car Seat for Urban Parents.....	214
Best Belt-Positioning Booster.....	215
Best Backless Booster.....	216

Chapter 8

STROLLERS, DIAPER BAGS AND OTHER TO GO GEAR

Strollers	217
7 Things No One Tells You About Stroller.....	217
Best Lightweight Stroller (Overall).....	224
Best Budget-Friendly Lightweight Stroller.....	226
Best Lightweight Stroller for Urban Parents (Winter).....	226
Best Lightweight Stroller for Urban Parents (Summer).....	227
Best High-Style Lightweight Stroller.....	229
Best Multi-Function Stroller (Overall).....	230
Best Multi-Function Stroller For Kids Close in Age.....	232
Best All-Terrain Stroller.....	233
Best Stroller for Power Walking.....	235
Best Stroller for Serious Runners.....	235
Best Double Stroller (Overall).....	236
Best Budget-Friendly Double Stroller.....	238
Best Side-By-Side Double Stroller.....	238
Best Sport Double Stroller.....	240
Diaper Bags	241
7 Things No One Tells You About Diaper Bags.....	241
Best Diaper Bag (Overall).....	244
Best Budget-Friendly Diaper Bag.....	245
Best Designer Diaper Bag.....	246

Chapter 9

CARRIERS

7 Things No One Tells You About Baby Carriers.....	247
Organic Fabric Certifications.....	250
Best Baby Carrier (Overall).....	253
Best Sling Carrier.....	255
Best Wrap Carrier.....	256
Best Mei Tai/Meh Dai.....	257
Best Backpack Carrier.....	259

Chapter 10

CONCLUSION: WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

Average Costs vs. Our Baby Bargains Budget.....	261
Our Parting Advice.....	261

<i>Appendix A: Registry Cheat Sheets</i>	262
<i>Appendix B: Multiples Advice: Twins and more</i>	265
Index.....	267
BabyBargains.com web site/Contact us.....	298
Our Other Books.....	299
About the Authors.....	Inside Back Cover