



WHAT'S THE BABY'S NAME, STACEY?

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Thank you for buying *What's the Baby's Name, Stacey?*—the third book in The Stacey Huggins series.

There's a lot going on in *What's the Baby's Name, Stacey?* It was written to be read aloud joyfully to young children.

In the second book of the series (*Jump, Jump, Jump, Stacey!*), we can see that Stacey's mother is pregnant. In the third book, the new baby, a boy, has been born and is going to be introduced to the Huggins family. Stacey asks to announce his name at the family gathering. She tries to remember it but is so busy being her usual active self, that she forgets and walks around the party to see what other family members call him. Everybody calls him something different—pet names, nicknames, but not his real name.

The book shows:

- A loving, extended family
- Black American cultural clues
- A list of six pet names that different family members call the baby
- Stacey's opinions on each of the pet names
- Stacey being helped by her uncle to sound out the name of the cake

Before even reading the title, you can ask the child to look at the cover and guess what the book is about.

Sometimes a parent, older child, or teacher will read the book straight through from start to finish without being interrupted. At other times, a child will ask questions from the beginning. I encourage you to read the story straight through the first few times if you can. As a child becomes familiar with the story, take time to play with it. Stop and start while reading it. Skip a page and see if they notice. (If you've read it several times, they will.) Test the child's memory if you've read the story several times.



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You might ask:

- What do you think this book is about?
- What is your favorite of the nicknames that the is called?
- Why do you think Stacey forgot the name?
- Would you forget the baby's name?
- What's the baby's real name?
- How many names does he have?
- How many names do you have?
- What do you think Stacey will call him?
- What would you call the baby?

What's the Baby's Name, Stacey? shows her going through different emotions by the expressions on her face. These include:

- Happiness (when her mom agrees to let her announce the baby's name at the family gathering)
- Assurance (that she will remember the baby's name)
- Guilt/worry (that she forgot it)
- Puzzlement (as she tries to figure out what it is)
- Concentration (as she listens to others)
- Anxiousness (as none of the names she hears are the baby's real name)
- Joy (when her uncle helps her sound out the name on the birthday cake)
- Relief (when she remembers it)
- Pride (when she announces it to the whole family)
- Love (when she says claims him as "mine")

I hope you have found these tips helpful. Please remember, that you don't have to try any of these recommendations. You should read the story in your own way. I welcome your feedback

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Tips for the other two books in The Stacey Huggins Series can be found on my website:
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