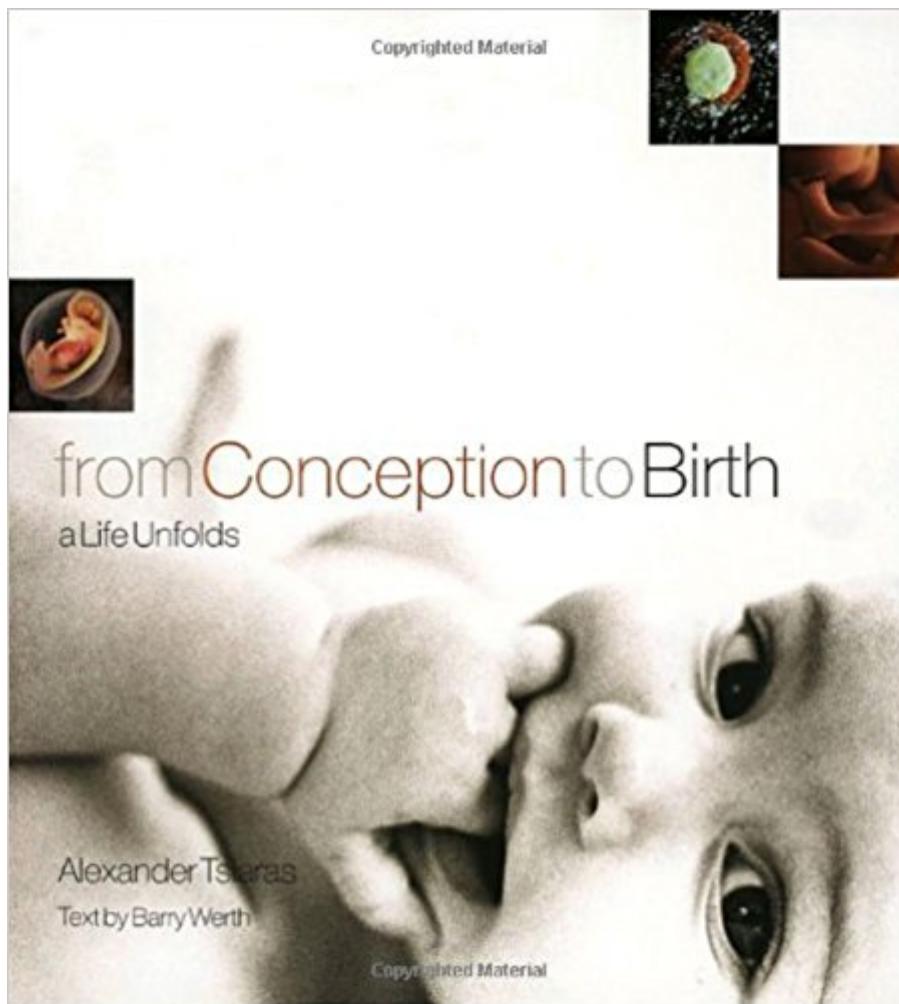


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# From Conception To Birth: A Life Unfolds



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## Synopsis

The splendor and beauty of a child's growth and development in the womb--seen through unforgettable images made possible by revolutionary advances in visualization technology. What's happening with the baby now? All expectant parents ask this question throughout the exhilarating months of pregnancy. Fuzzy sonograms and doctor's explanations can provide basic information, but through Alexander Tsiaras' remarkable achievements in medical imaging technology, parents can see, for the first time, the awe-inspiring process of a new life unfolding, in stunning, vivid detail. The milestones of pregnancy which before could only be described can now be witnessed: the heart's first beats; the appearance of color in the eye; the emergence of toes and teeth; the brain and nervous system directing development; the first movement of tiny legs and arms; the first indications of gender; the wondrous symbiosis of mother and child; the symphony of the body's systems coming into being and working in concert. The book tracks the development of a baby from the moment of conception, through the explosively complex early stages of development and the amazing stages of growth as the baby is nurtured by the mother, ending with the joy of birth. All this is made possible by revolutions in two sciences. As biologists have decoded the molecular basis of life, computer scientists have developed non-invasive, three-dimensional techniques for visualizing the body. Alexander Tsiaras has been a pioneer in merging these explorations and discoveries. He has created a virtual camera studio that enables him to view a human body or any part of it individually, scan it, enlarge it, rotate it, adjust its transparency so that we can view inside a living being, and light it from any angle. The result is an ability to illuminate the unseen elements that make us who we are, and the miraculous images in *From Conception to Birth*.

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Praise for Alexander Tsiaras and Anatomical Travelogue: "A step into medicine's future." -Chicago Tribune "These images capture life and in their association with illness show it at its most mysterious and most vulnerable...A magical anatomy tour." -The New York Times "If there is to be an Audubon of the human form, Tsiaras can make rightful claim to the title." -John Hockenberry, MSNBC "A fascinating look at the inner workings of the human body." -Newsweek "This enormous cache of digital information is being transformed in a provocative new method of visualizing--and thereby understanding." -ID Magazine "[Tsiaras] reworks data to dazzling effects." -Scientific American

Pregnant couples will love this book, there are sections of the book that show exactly how big the baby is and what it looks like at different stages of development. I found myself referring to this book almost every day while I was pregnant. This is an excellent book to share with children. I also found the text fascinating. This book is not as in-depth as the book "A Child is Born", which is the classic "from-conception-to-birth" book. Though I prefer this book for its format and because it is less graphic. I would recommend this book for anyone curious about the birth process and definitely for anyone expecting a child.

This book is beautiful. Large, full color photos.

Purchased this book for my daughter who was expecting her first baby. She loved being able to keep track of what was happening and what to expect. Would definitely recommend this one!!!

This book is the coolest pregnancy book I've ever read, and I have read a LOT of them. The pictures are incredible and so exciting in the beginning stages of pregnancy when you are so obsessed with every change that is occurring.

Great book.Ordered it already twice as a present for friends.

very well organised and informative with some really amazing pictures. really can see what is happening sequentially and also describes individually specific areas, the development of eyes for example. excellent step by step guide on development from single cell to baby.

As a first time 'mom-to-be', this book was pretty interesting to look at, to see what's going on inside my body so early in my pregnancy. Ususally books on this subject focus on a more developed fetus, so book is good for me, for the time being. I do feel, however, that a different book will need to be purchased for the later months in the pregnancy, as the last trimester is barely discussed.Great for the first 2 trimesters, though!

Excellent book. Must read for everyone.

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