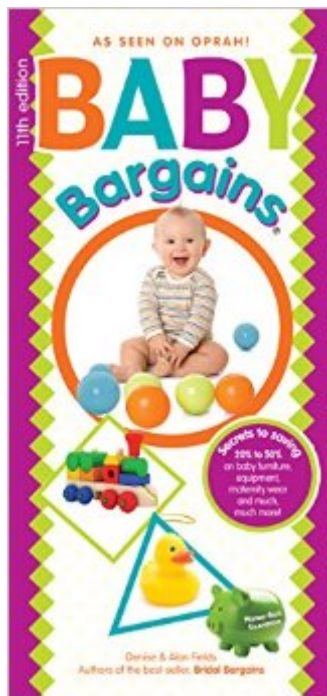


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# Baby Bargains: Secrets To Saving 20% To 50% On Baby Furniture, Gear, Clothes, Strollers, Maternity Wear And Much, Much More!



## Synopsis

America's best-selling and best-loved guide to baby gear is back with an updated and revised edition! Yes, a baby book that actually answers the big question about having a baby: How am I going to afford all this? With the average cost of a baby topping \$7000 for just the first year alone, new parents need creative solutions and innovative ideas to navigate the consumer maze that confronts all parents-to-be. Baby Bargains is the answer! Inside, you'll discover:

- NAME BRAND REVIEWS of car seats, bedding, strollers, high chairs, diapers and more!
- Dozens of safety tips to affordably baby proof your home.
- FIVE wastes of money with baby clothes and the best outlet bargains.
- NINE tips to saving money on cribs, plus in-depth reviews of crib brands.
- THE TRUTH ABOUT STROLLERS and which brands work best in the real world.
- The SEVEN MOST RIDICULOUS BABY PRODUCTS.
- DETAILED CHARTS that compare brands of cribs, strollers, car seats and more!

This new 11th edition adds the latest tips and advice on getting bargains on baby gear, including:

- The latest model strollers and car seats, all reviewed and rated.
- Detailed crib reviews with in-depth brand comparisons.
- Good, better and best picks for dozens of items, from high chairs to infant car seats.
- Expanded coverage of baby carriers with best picks.

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## Customer Reviews

VERY DISAPPOINTED. I would not have bought the kindle version if I had known all the pictures

and charts were missing from it. I have a previous print version and these were invaluable to me at times. Can't believe this is even allowed. The publishers of the ebook say on the front page that you can access the website for 30 days free to get the missing pics/charts (btw, year membership to website is over twice the price of the book), but seriously, who wants to do the tedious task of downloading (and then later matching up with the book) every-time I want to see a pic later on. They should not be allowed to sell this without VERY PROMINENTLY displaying that all of this will be missing (not at the bottom of the description page where you have to expand the description to even see this!) I have a previous print version and the reason I bought this was to make sure I have the latest updated information. Now I feel like I got a bait-and-switch. Worst e-book experience I have ever had. Shame since the print version is so good. I would have bought the print version if I had known this. For a book that is suppose to save me money and time it has done the opposite - wasted my money and my time. UPDATE: I have tried to use the kindle/30 day free website and it's just too big of a pain. Kindle I can carry anywhere and have in an instant - website I have to be connected to at home. So I can't look things up on a whim when it occurs to me or I see it in a store (which is the norm). I don't even have the pics to take with me to go put things on my baby registry, which would be way easier than hunting down names of stuff. "Look! Here's a pic, which one of these items look like it - check name - add to baby registry." Nope.

I think this book is quite useful, but I recommend it with a few caveats: 1. This book is definitely aimed at middle class and upper middle class parents, singing the praises of mainly high end brands. In a previous edition I owned, this did not seem to be quite as much the case. Sure, they attack the Bugaboo stroller for being overpriced, but they highly recommend the only slightly cheaper Uppababy Vista. The authors do state at the beginning of the book that they want you to get good value for your money and so they don't just recommend the cheapest items. I understand that and I happen agree with that, but they don't seem to weigh cost as a terribly important factor in their ratings for individual products, which is odd for a book named "Baby Bargains." At the end of the of the book they provide an overall comparison budget to show you how much you save by going with their recommendations - but those savings are not for the products they rave about throughout the book, that's only if you go for their "good" choices, vs. "better" or "best." This book is really about shopping smarter, not necessarily about spending less. (They did tell me not to buy a diaper stacker - no problem, I won't.) 2. There are many other minor issues with reviews besides price, mainly due to inconsistent updating. For one example, in their picks for audio baby monitors, they state, "Here are our picks for audio baby monitors, with one BIG caveat: how well a monitor will

work in your home depends on interference sources" - and then they go on to say that they will only recommend newer DECT monitors which don't cause interference. This seems like a small thing, but it goes on throughout the book and this sloppy updating really got on my nerves after a while.

I hesitated to buy an actual book of product reviews in this age of Consumer Reports and on-site reviews. But this book has been INVALUABLE to me as an expectant mom. I am reasonably knowledgeable about baby products and had an idea of what I wanted, but there were some areas--like nursery furniture and baby clothing--where I was really overwhelmed by choices and couldn't get a straight answer, even after combing and other stores. Consumer Reports doesn't help with cribs because they only update every few years, and some of the "recommended" models aren't even around anymore! So I reluctantly bought this book, after seeing it mentioned DOZENS of times when I was combing the internet for advice. By the first night of looking through this book, I was sold. Again, I'm relatively savvy for a first-time mom (I'm a former nanny and have a ton of nieces/nephews) but I learned so much from the informative overviews of each category. For instance, which materials are common in nursery furniture, safety concerns (toxic fumes, etc.), and mattress info. The section on baby clothing was also helpful because it cut the crap about needing all sorts of ridiculous items...the "registry checklist" on BRU is such crap! This book tells you what you really need. There's even a section on maternity clothes, which was helpful, and nursing supplies (I was happy to see the pump I had selected was highly recommended). Even aside from the actual brand reviews, this book is invaluable because of the product overviews. It's hard to find a centralized, reliable place online to learn all this stuff. Each store has a different slant and you can't really trust a lot of it.

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