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Mummy Laid An Egg!





Synopsis

In this hilarious twist on one of the most difficult discussions in a child's development, award winning author Babette Cole illustrates the one question all children are bound to ask: Where do babies come from? Mom explains that you can make babies out of gingerbread, grow them from seeds, or squeeze them out of tubes, while Dad says you can find babies under rocks. Amused by their parents' silly answers, the children decide to set the adults straight. In a series of zany diagrams, the children show the adults exactly where babies come from. The offbeat illustrations are accompanied by a text that is short, simple, and anything but predictable. This is a funny book that will delight, entertain, and educate the entire family.

Book Information

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Ah, ire. Lovely lovely ire. Nothing gets parents more hot under the collar than debating the relative merits of a sex-ed picture book. Suddenly, once sane and collected adults erupt into veritable Mount Vesuviuses of indignation. Sure, they want their kids to learns the rudimentary mechanics of procreation, but they want it on THEIR terms. "Mommy Laid An Egg" is a very good example of a sex-ex text that's been banned from libraries, burned in bonfires, and generally demonized by those who see fit to dislike it. Obviously, becoming a banned book does not automatically make you worthwhile reading (just 99.9% of the time, really). When it comes to "Mommy Laid An Egg" debaters, they're usually split into two camps. You have the people who love its irreverence, its wit, and its light-hearted handling of a formerly overly serious subject. Then you have the people who

point out that this book contains very little factual information, avoids correct biological terms like the plague, and has a gratuitous sequence that I once heard a librarian refer to as the, "kiddie-lit kama sutra". There's a third camp, I should note, that just hates the book because it talks about sex, but these are the kinds of people who seek out such books so as to hate them and, as such, will be duly ignored. So which of these two takes on the book is the correct one? To find that answer, you need to take a closer look at what, "Mommy Laid An Egg" is all about...As a crazed assortment of kids, pets, and pillows camp out on the living room sofa, a mother and father (hippies to the core) come in and inform their offspring as to how babies are made. The sugar-hepped-up kids are game and suddenly hear a whole heaping helping of blarney from their beloved parental units.

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