



# BEST BEGINNINGS

Alaska's Early Childhood Investment

BOOK TITLE: **Whose Baby Am I?**  
AUTHOR: John Butler

SUMMARY OF BOOK: A simple board book with pictures of an adorable baby animal on one page, and his parent on the next. Several of the animals are familiar to Alaska: seal, polar bear, owl.



**\*BEFORE READING** (Ask questions and use what the child already knows to add to the discussion, assisting the child in understanding and enjoying the book):

Try questions such as these:

1. Look at the title and cover of the book together: "This is a polar bear cub, a baby polar bear."
2. Take the opportunity to talk about babies, parents, mothers, fathers.
3. Introduce your baby to the features of a book: covers, pages, titles.

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**DURING READING** (ask these questions):

1. Introduce your baby to the animals: would he have seen them? Do you have a name for the animal in another language?
2. Talk about size and big/little.
3. Some animals just get bigger, but some (like the seal) change color when they get older. Start a conversation with your child about him and you and your differences.
4. You might try introducing ideas about color or where the animals live.
5. Try making the sounds the animal might make.

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**AFTER READING** (activity to extend book experience):

1. When you encounter any animals from the book, remind your child about the book, and make connections back to reading it.
2. When you come across animals not in the book, talk to your child about whether they're a parent or a baby, about what the baby might look like.
3. You could make up names for the animals, put them in a little story.
4. Try collecting pictures of other animals and their babies.

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\* This activity created by students at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

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