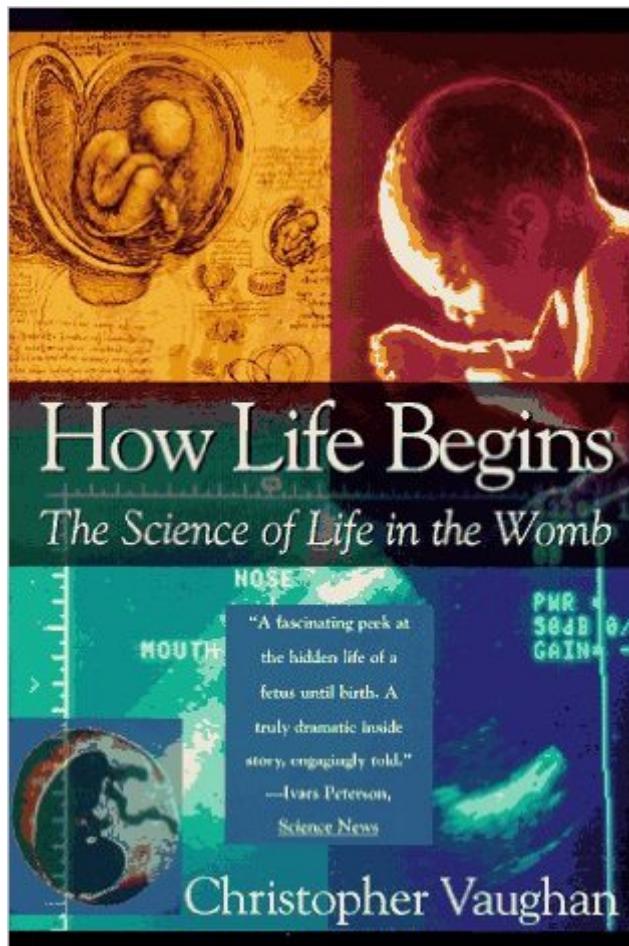


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# How Life Begins



## **Synopsis**

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## **Customer Reviews**

I am a father-to-be. After browsing through tons of titles, this book caught my attention. It offers an easy-to-follow description of what scientists have learned so far about life in the womb. From the mother-embryo links, to the development of the new human being, to the preparation for birth, this book is exciting. The chapter about the brain is particularly interesting. On the down side, I wish the book had suggestions for further reading on each topic.

Again i read this book , from the library three years ago. I am studying the complexity of gender,

how we identify the embryo at a certain time in the womb. And though this book is about the very basic level , it was all i needed as a point of departure for my own follow up study. It was a real good book when i read it three years ago and i decided to have a copy of it .

This is a lovely and highly readable book about the science of human embryonic development. It's nearly twenty years old now, so there is probably more up-to-date science, but I've yet to find another book like this one. Highly recommended if you or someone you love is having a baby.

Highly informative in some parts but a bit tedious in others. Overall this book left me with memorable details that I would pass on in conversation as facts that amazed me, so, I would say it had achieved it's objective.

good book. enjoyed reading and learning.

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