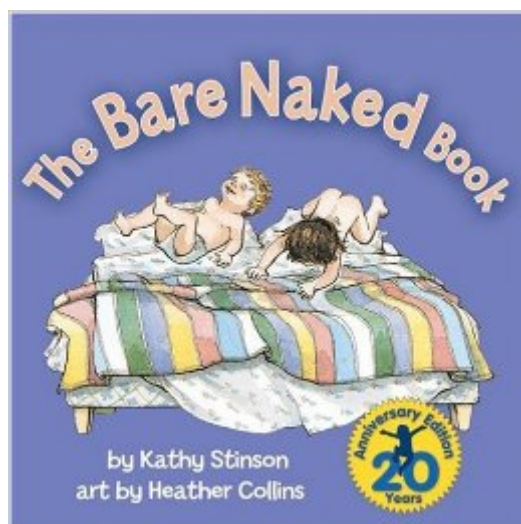


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# The Bare Naked Book



## Synopsis

Twenty years old and still going strong, *The Bare Naked Book* remains a favorite family introduction to the human body. There is nothing more ordinary and more special than the human body. After all, everybody has one, and for all the parts that are the same each comes in a different shape and size. *The Bare Naked Book* joyfully celebrates this wonderful ordinariness with a matter-of-fact introduction for toddlers to the parts of the body. From hair (dripping, straight, curly, and tangled) to toes (stamping, ticklish, skinny, and squishy) and the private bits in between, Kathy Stinson's™ playfully simple prose identifies the parts of the body at rest and in motion. Meanwhile, the friendly realism of Heather Collins's™ illustrations offers a variety of body types in familiar environments, from the bathroom to the beach.

## Book Information

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Product Dimensions: 8 x 0.1 x 8 inches

Shipping Weight: 7.2 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

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## Customer Reviews

When I sat down with my son to read this book I was prepared to read about body parts including the "private" ones. It was a real treat to see these parts on a wide variety of bodies. After I read it I sat and thought about how much it really means to share a book like this with my son. For him to see moms with thick tummies and dads with double chins. How unique the characters' facial features and body types were. Slowly it began to occur to me that something was not quite right. Everyone in this book is white. Normally I do not notice when books have primarily white characters. Our family is caucasian and so we naturally identify with white characters. But when a book like this comes along, and I can see how much the illustrator has made a point of depicting such a wide

variety of people, it really feels like something is missing when the characters all have basically light skin. It is still a very good book, and I highly recommend it.

I bought this book after hearing about it from friends and it certainly lives up to the praise. Both my kids love it and it's very matter of fact about our bodies and how we are different and the same.

I wasn't sure my son would like this, because the illustrations are very vintage, but he loves it. We read it all the time. It is very tastefully done. Fun to read aloud. And helps my son, who is 2 1/2 and asking a lot of questions about boys and girls.

This book was purchased for a 26 month old girl who was very curious about the opposite sex and their parts. It was just the right thing! Not too much detail as with other books about our bodies. It simply goes over the various parts of the body in a matter of fact way that is both sweet and light. Many of the books I looked at were too detailed or sophisticated for her.

Lovely little vignettes of real people doing everyday things with their bodies (blowing their nose, making a funny face, taking a bath, slurping spaghetti, nursing a baby). When I say "real," I mean their houses are messy, their hairstyles are lame, and the kids are jumping naked on the bed. Personally I find it refreshing and my toddler loves it too. I agree with the other reviewer that it would have been nice to have a greater range of ethnicities depicted, but I disagree that everyone in the book is caucasian (maybe my 2006 edition was revised...?).

Worked great to explain very basically that boys have slightly different parts to my 3 year old who was curious- when she gets a little older this won't be sufficient but it cured her curiosity and opened the conversation in an easy fun way.

There is so much to like about this book! Matter of fact, your-body-is-good (whether hairless or hairy or flabby or fit or young or old) message, neat and careful illustrations. And my preschooler loves it. Two things grate at me: one is the whiteness of the book, as mentioned by a previous reviewer. The other is inaccuracy. There's a drawing of a whole family in the bathroom, with a parent and child bathing, a little boy about to use the toilet, and a little girl drying herself with a towel. And the book says, "penises--that's for boys, vaginas--that's for girls." In this context, penis is NOT equivalent to vagina. He's peeing. And it's not a vagina we're looking at anyway, it's a vulva. Vulva

is a perfectly good word. A person looking for a matter of fact book about accepting your body shouldn't have to suddenly be faced with a page too coy use the right word. So when I read it I use the right word, and everybody is happy. I'm very glad I have this book and hope it will be updated.

I love the concept of this book. Each page illustrates a body part on different people: feet, nipples, etc. It presents bodies in a fun, silly and matter of fact way. This is exactly what I want for my kids. I have two problems. The first one is that the book uses the word "vagina" rather than "vulva." This is absolutely wrong. It's like using the word esophagus instead of mouth. It's not accurate. I'll probably white-out and edit the page with the correct term. My second issue are the illustrations. They've become a bit dated with out of style clothing, hair, etc. I know kind of silly, but I take my kids' books pretty seriously, and I want to enjoy them too. I find myself wanting to hum the theme of "Hair" when I read it. I so wish the authors would update this book with new illustrations and accurate terminology! If you do decide to purchase this book, please use the word "vulva" with your children.

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