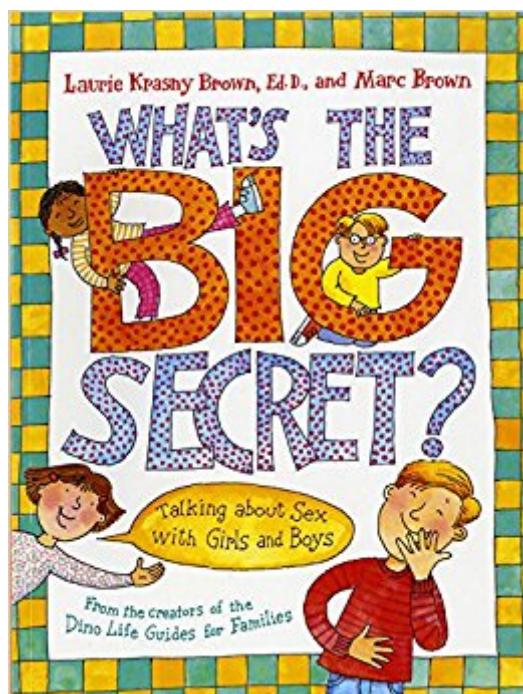


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# What's The Big Secret?: Talking About Sex With Girls And Boys



## **Synopsis**

Simple, straightforward, and age-appropriate answers to kids' most common questions about sex, the human body, reproduction, and development. Are boys and girls different on the inside? How do you tell girls and boys apart? Do girls and boys have the same feelings? Is sex a dirty word? Where do babies come from? What does being pregnant mean? How do you get a belly button? Tell me about when I was a baby...With characteristic sensitivity and humor, the talented team who created *Dinosaurs Divorce* and *When Dinosaurs Die* presents helpful basic information, including answers to tough questions for preschoolers, early elementary students, and their teachers and caregivers.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

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## **Customer Reviews**

Using straight text as well as cartoons including dialogue balloons, this "chatty yet frank" book, according to PW, "will put young readers--and their parents--totally at ease." Ages 4-8. (Apr.)

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PreSchool-Grade 3? How can you tell a boy from a girl? What are the proper terms for genitalia? How do you make a baby? Where does a belly button come from? The Browns answer these and similar questions in an honest, but superficial way that will satisfy some youngsters, but leave others with many questions unanswered. Overly detailed for younger children and too incomplete for those

nearing puberty, this information will be most useful as a bridge between books meant for preschoolers describing birth and those that tackle the process of maturation, sexuality, and the responsibilities and choices that come with growing up. The illustrations are excellent: colorful and cartoonlike, yet clear in their representation of human anatomy in both internal and external views. The layout and cover design will attract youngsters and their familiarity with this author/illustrator team will also add to its appeal. The greatest value of this work, however, will be in promoting dialogue between caregivers and children, especially if they read it together, but adults should be prepared to field many ancillary questions not covered in the text. ©Melissa Gross, Beverly Hills Public Library, CA Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Younger children may need help reading this and explanations later. Although its not overly detailed and obviously designed for youngsters, the anatomy portion is too short and only a few pages. But, I guess that's enough for a young child. My grands are a tad more informed. I think more info could be given on hygiene, sexual protection and consequences, and abstention until older.

My daughter is studying at Columbia U to be a Clinical MSW and Sex Therapist and I purchased this book for her as she will also counsel young children, this book is beautifully written and illustrated and a wonderful first addition to her growing library for her office. I highly recommend for all parents who are flustered or embarrassed to speak to their children about sex! Sex, it's natural.

I have a 4 year old daughter and a 6 year old son. They began asking questions when my friend was pregnant so I purchased this book. It's been an excellent resource.

This book helped start the dialogue with our child. It was a good starting place. It has accurate information and helpful pictures. It was the right amount of information and pictures to start with for a young child.

It was easy to read with pictures and even though it mentions Masturbation it also suggest they do it in private. It also mentions sex but does not show it and says its between to loving adults. I can live with that.

Have used this book to start conversations with all 4 of my kids. Anatomically correct, but nor too graphic. Good jumping off point.

It worked for our 9 & 7 year old boys & it taught them a lot without making it weirder & harder! After we finished it, they had some more questions for us. It was a good experience I think and a lot easier than I thought it would be! We have 3 younger kids & plan to use this book for them too!

This book is taking a very serious topic and bringing it down to a child's level. It does have some pictures of body parts (cartoon like drawings) that surprised me but how do you talk about the "big secret" without talking about body parts...?

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