

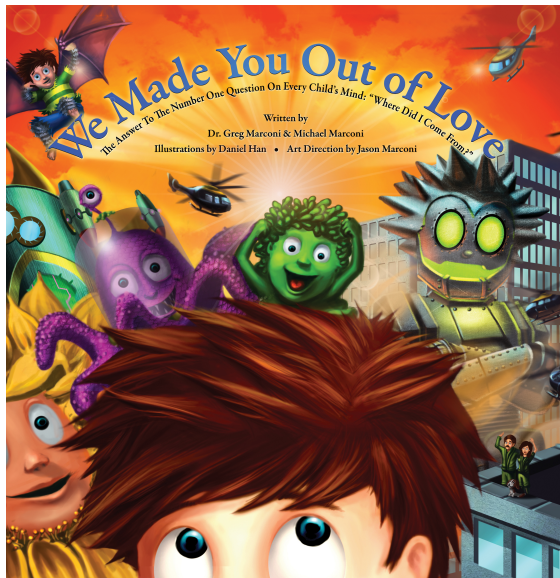
BOOK REVIEW BY KIRKUS REVIEWS

WE MADE YOU OUT OF LOVE

The Answer to the Number One Question on Every Child's Mind: "Where Did I Come From?"

By [Michael Marconi](#) (Author) , [Greg Marconi](#) (Author)

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Many kids begin wondering about their origins at a young age but some parents might not be comfortable getting into discussions about sexual reproduction too early. This paperback co-written by a board-certified pediatrician and his screenwriting brother provides them with an easy out.

Jeffrey comes home from school wanting answers, and on the left side of each spread he asks a probing question about how he came to be using simple language and concepts any curious child might use, such as "Was I hatched from a giant egg?" On the top of each adjacent page, the wildly imaginative Jeffrey conjures up a lavishly illustrated scenario wherein the response to his inquiry is yes: "I bet Mommy sat on me for a whole year until I broke out of my shell with my feathers and claws and my big, colorful dragon wings."

As his doting parents patiently weigh in (yes, Mommy did grow him for nine months, but no, not in a garden like a Venus Flytrap), the love between parent and child is made plainly evident. When Jeffrey finally finds out some semblance of the truth—that he was made out of love—young readers will surely feel just as satisfied by the resolution as little Jeffrey. They'll also be drawn to all the robots and purple tentacled aliens of Jeffrey's imagination too. But given that it features a happily married couple as parents, the book might be off-putting for single-parent or broken-family households. Also, the book's title gives away the punch line before the spine is even cracked. Nonetheless, this is a heartwarming lesson in parenting for the "Brady Bunch" set.

An imaginative picture book for tiny tykes that entertainingly addresses how babies are made, without resorting to biological terminology.

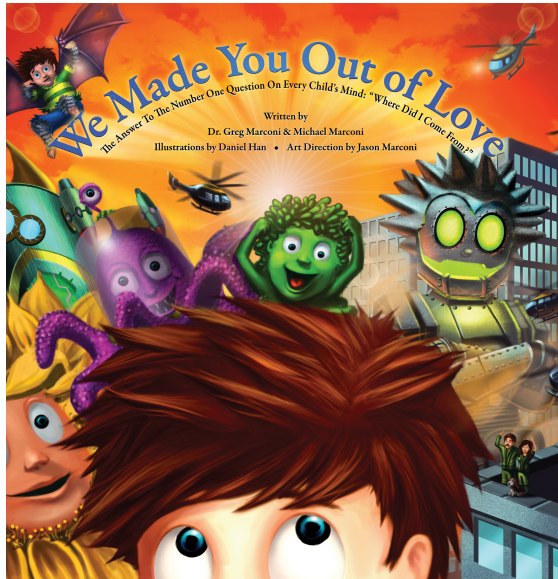
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BOOK REVIEW BY **BABIESGOTTAHAVEIT.COM**

Are You Ready For "The Question?"

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Cate likes to hear stories about the time when she was "in Mama's tummy." I show her pictures and tell her how we called her "the squiggler" because she was always squiggling around in there. So naturally, and yet still somehow unexpectedly, the day came last year when, in the midst of such reminiscing, her little face screwed up into a puzzled twist and she said "How did I get *out* of your tummy?"

I have every intention of demystifying the reproductive process for my wee one. Her Daddy is, after all, a doctor. And, of course, I want her to feel that she can talk to me about anything. However. Call me old-fashioned, but I think that at three, there's just no way pulling out the anatomical diagrams is gonna be remotely useful.

How happy I was to discover "[We Made You Out of Love](#)"! Aptly subtitled: "The Answer To The Number One Question on Every Child's Mind: "Where Did I Come From?" Co-authored by a pediatrician and a writer, this terrific picture book for kids ages 5 and up (but I really think it would have been perfect for my inquisitive three-year-old) introduces us to Jeffery who is on his quest to solve the mystery of his own birth. The book fancifully and colorfully follows Jeffery as he asks his parents questions like "Was I hatched from a giant egg?" and "Did Daddy build me?" and "Did you win me at the carnival?" The answer, as the title suggests, is ultimately "We made you out of love." It's offered with a gentle, non-sexual explanation that I think satisfies little ones and can provide a bridge to a longer discussion with older children. The book is sensitive and thoughtful and a great resource to any parent with a seriously precocious preschooler. Got anyone like that in your house?

Call me crazy, but I think this is a book to have on hand starting when your kid is a toddler, so you can be ready to pull out when the question is asked. And trust me, it inevitably will be asked. And it will take you off guard. I did eventually expand a bit upon how the Bean got out of my tummy. She hadn't really asked again about how she got in there to begin with, but we read this book together when it arrived (thanks so much to the authors for sending it to us to review) and seemed totally satisfied.

A ready answer to a really tough question. That's something Mamas and Babies definitely gotta have.

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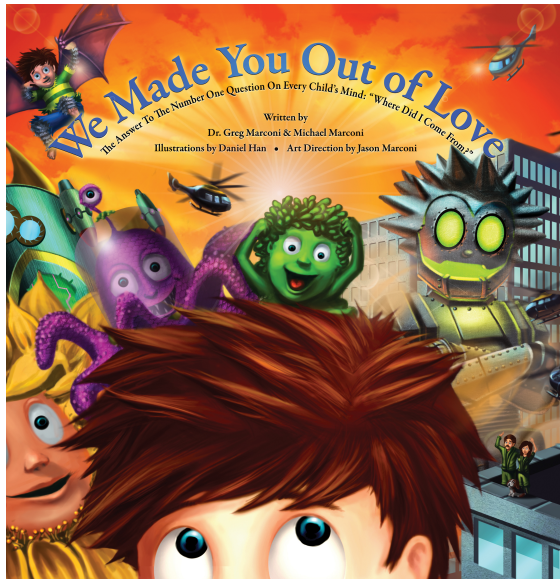
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BOOK REVIEW BY NEWYORKCHICA.COM

WE MADE YOU OUT OF LOVE

The Answer to the Number One Question on Every Child's Mind: "Where Did I Come From?"

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Do you have little ones asking that common dreaded question, 'Where did I come from?' I have three kids and each of them have asked that over and over again.

Recently I was sent 'We Made You Out Of Love' to review and although I don't usually review books here, I decided to post about the book being that my seven-year-old **REALLY** enjoyed it.

'We made You Out Of Love' was written by authors, Michael Marconi and board certified pediatrician, Dr Greg Marconi, who both wanted to help parents like myself deal with the most uncomfortable question every parent comes across.

Jeffrey was a happy, content little boy, until the day he stumbled upon the greatest mystery of all...THE STORY OF HIS BIRTH! Now, join him and his family as they travel through Jeffrey's imagination: battling giant robots, discovering slimy aliens and uncovering magical gingerbread men...all while trying to uncover where it is Jeffrey actually came from.

My youngest started asking the question around the age of four. At seven, she's probably old enough to know exactly where babies come from since I'm sure she hears things from her classmates at school (*sigh*) but I think I'll wait a little longer and keep her innocent. She is still my baby after all.

If you're a parent of little ones, I highly recommend this book. It's funny, exciting for the younger ones, colorful and the illustration is quite similar to a video game, which my daughter loved. I'm sure this book will be her daily night-time read.

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