

Book Rationale

Title - ***It's So Amazing! A Book about Eggs, Sperm, Birth, Babies and Families***

Author - **Robie Harris**

Illustrator - **Michael Emberly**

Publisher - **Candlewick Press**

Copyright Date - **1999**

Location - South Hiram Elementary School library - unrestricted circulating nonfiction collection

Use - available to South Hiram Elementary School students for self-selected reading from the unrestricted circulating nonfiction collection of the school library

Summary - A comprehensive informational picture book aimed at 7-11 year olds that introduces and explains about bodies and reproduction (and other related issues, e.g. sexuality, the birth process, and sexual abuse) in an unbiased and judgment-free manner.

Honors & Awards

- 2000 ALSC (Association of Library Service to Children) Notable Children's Books
- 2000 *Horn Book Fanfare*
- starred review in *Horn Book*
- starred review in *Booklist*

Reviews & Recommendations

- **from *Booklist*, 1/1/2000 - 1/15/2000, p.912**
- **from *Kirkus Reviews*,**
- **from *Publishers Weekly*, 12/20/99, p.78**
- **from *School Library Journal*, Feb 2000, p.112**
- **from *Scientific American*, Spring 2000, p.50**

Objection(s)

- inappropriate for 8 year old
- should be on a special shelf for checking out only with parent permission OR on a shelf for checking out only by fifth and sixth graders

Alternative to the Challenged Material

Nonfiction

- First Comes Love: All about the Birds and Bees and Alligators and Possums and People, Too by Jennifer Davis, illustrated by Clare Mackle
- How You Are Changing: For Discussion or Individual Use by Jane Graver
- Mommy Laid an Egg! or Where Do Babies Come From? by Babette Cole
- "What's Happening to Me?" by Peter Mayle
- What's the Big Secret? Talking about Sex with Girls and Boys by Laurie Krasny Brown
- "Where Did I Come From?" by Peter Mayle

Enclosures

- "The Perfectly Amazing Robie Harris: An Interview with Tana Elias"
<http://www.soemadison.wisc.edu/ccbc/friends/harris.htm> (9/25/04)

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