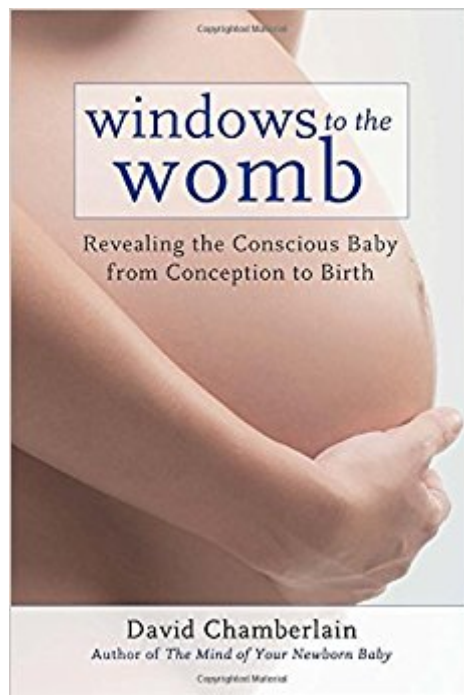




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Windows To The Womb: Revealing The Conscious Baby From Conception To Birth



Synopsis

Windows to the Womb is an eloquent guide through the first nine months of life from conception to birth. In the past, the invisible physical processes of fetal development were mysterious and largely unexplainable, but in the past half-century, breakthroughs in embryology, interuterine photography, ultrasound, and other sensitive instruments of measurement have enabled us to make systematic observations inside the womb. We now understand that fetuses are fully sentient and aware beings. In this new climate of appreciation for the surprising dimensions of fetal behavior, sensitivity, and intelligence, this book brings a host of new information to light about the transformative journey each one of us must undergo in the womb. With reverent awe, the author describes the amazing construction of our physical bodies, the "ultimate architecture," and draws parallels with the expansion of our minds as our brains and senses develop and grow. Dr. Chamberlain details new discoveries in embryonic and fetal research that support his own findings on the impact of the mother's emotional and physical state during pregnancy; the importance of bonding at the earliest stages, long before birth; and the steps that expectant parents can take to ensure the most nurturing start in life for their children.

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"Parents, doctors, and midwives should be heeding these reports of birth. This book gives an understanding of babies that is essential for adults. — Arthur Hastings, former president of the California Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, Palo Alto, Calif." Splendid, delightfully written, and

thorough." —Asley Montagu, anthropologist and author of *Touching: The Human Significance of the Skin*
Praise for David Chamberlain's previous book *The Mind of Your Newborn Baby*: "An impressive book which challenges the assumptions we make about babies and impels the reader to look at the newborn child with fresh eyes."
—Sheila Kitzinger, author of *The Complete Book of Pregnancy and Childbirth*
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—San Francisco Peninsula Parent — "If babies ever stage a protest march, David Chamberlain will be on the front lines."
—Sarah Patee, San Diego Tribune
"Put a ribbon around this book for every pregnant woman you know...."
—Audrey DeLaMartre, Minneapolis Star Tribune

David Chamberlain, PhD, is a California psychologist, scholar, author, and international lecturer with over 60 publications and 27 years of leadership in the Association for Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Health (APPPAH). In a landmark study of mother and child pairs in 1980, he demonstrated that birth memories were reliable and not fantasies. In 2003, *Mothering* magazine celebrated David as a "Living Treasure." He was a founding faculty member of Santa Barbara Graduate Institute; in 2006 the institute conferred upon him an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. In 2007, he was honored at the Gentle Birth World Conference with the Mother Goose Award for his work with mothers and babies. The author lives in Nevada City, CA.

As a mother of two children, and one who is very interested in prenatal & infant development, I found myself entranced by this beautifully refreshing take on human life. When I ordered it, I figured it would be similar to most "what to expect when you're expecting" books and may not provide much depth beyond what I already "knew". I was wrong. I could not put it down. The author seamlessly pulled me along through feelings of curiosity, sheer awe, and near breathlessness. It contained the most fascinating description of life in the womb that I've ever read. I feel this book has completely changed the way I view myself, my children, and everyone I come into contact with. This is not just for mothers or father-to-be, this book is for everyone. Because everyone has very, very personally walked through this journey of conception through birth and can take away something, even just *one* new idea, from this book that will better the world. I can only hope I will experience pregnancy & birth another time in my life, and take my newly acquired perspectives into it, fully conscious of the miraculous person within. This isn't one for the Wish List, put this straight in Checkout!

Perhaps the most remarkable aspects of this book are its revolutionary empirical details about fetal memories reported by young children and the lucid and entrancing writing style of its author. The first chapters take any uninformed reader through a captivating learning experience of the exciting details of how a human comes to be, written in easily understood prose. Much of the latter part of the book contains anecdotal individual case reports, each followed by brief clinical commentaries. There is no mistaking the significant impact that the research exemplified by this book must have on health professionals as well as the clergy and even pro-life advocates. Prospective parents and other laity will substantially enhance their understanding and appreciation for fetuses as "little humans," especially since traumatic emotional events experienced by parents can be sensed and affect fetuses for an indeterminate future, yet go undetected and unsuccessfully treated with traditional obstetric, pediatric, and psychological care. Worth many times its purchase price!

This book is a paradigm breaker! Hopefully, it heralds the end of a materialistic science that declares human consciousness to be a product of matter. Dr. Chamberlain provides proof that infant consciousness precedes brain development. He does this by means of modern instrumentation such as ultrasound, which "looks" into the womb, and by identical prenatal memories of mothers and children years after birth. Don't be fooled by the picture on the cover. This book has ramifications far beyond embryology. It will change your mind about the very nature of a human being. The first part of the book describes the wonders of the early months of formation from the time of conception. However, more enlightening information is contained in the remainder of the book, such as scientific studies of prenatal memories and new information on bonding. I was astonished by the recent studies that have been done to demonstrate that consciousness does not arise out of nor is it limited by the infant body. When fully understood, this will be a paradigm shift that will match relativity or quantum mechanics! We are finally receiving the proof that the human being is not just "a bag of bones". No longer will obstetricians be able to conveniently view babies "in utero" as unconscious or semi-conscious beings that can be treated as less than fully human. No longer will scientists be able to view human consciousness as just a second-hand outgrowth of matter. I was so impressed by this book that I will be referring to it in the book I am presently writing about the human life cycle. Thank to Dr. Chamberlain's astonishing research and revelations I have further verification that the consciousness of the human being extends fully throughout his entire life cycle. The bibliography of the book is worth the price alone. I've never seen one done so well. If it were possible I would give this book ten stars! I would recommend it to anyone who wants to have their eyes opened to the reality of human consciousness.

David Chamberlain was a massive and kind resource to the world whose books illuminated the psychology of this important time in everyone's life ... before birth, during birth and early childhood. We do not come in as "blank slates." Thank you, David, for this gift to our knowing and understanding more of our beginnings.

This book was an incredible read. It has so much information about babies in the womb - stuff that was never known before. I was not aware that some babies can actually cry in the womb and that they have a way of "seeing" such as when they are probed with needles, they can grab onto the needle. We used to think that babies in the womb and even newborns could not see, feel or think. How utterly wrong we were. I would recommend this book to absolutely everyone that comes in contact with babies.

Excellent material

The first half of the book was interesting, but a little on the dry side. That half was mostly about the anatomy of the baby-to-be. The second half was fascinating and I couldn't put the book down. That part was stories of people with prenatal memories. It's amazing to think that we had consciousness and memory before we were born.

Wow! I am learning so much and it is not the slightest bit painful! Written so beautifully that lay people can comprehend the fascinating marvels of our incredibly intelligent construction from conception through birth and beyond. I buy and put down many books, but this one is a keeper!

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