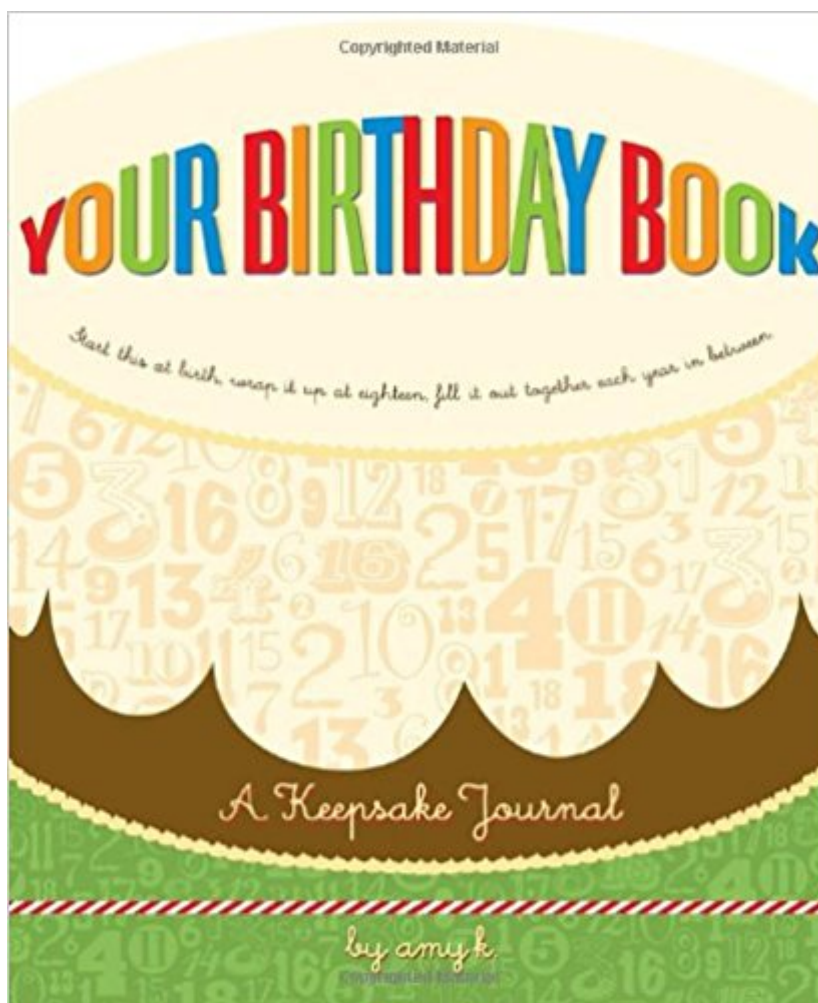




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# Your Birthday Book: A Keepsake Journal



## Synopsis

Start this at birth, wrap it up at eighteen, fill it out each year in between. This is not anything like a baby book. It's a birthday book! It was born from the simple idea that birthdays provide the perfect annual opportunity to preserve a sweet moment in time as your child changes from year to year. So it's a multi-layered confection: annual touchstone, cherished ritual, and eternal keepsake. This journal provides fun, fast, and casual birthday activities for ages 1-18 as well as space to stick birthday photos and a random picture from each year, amusing and thought-provoking questions to ask your kid, and a time-capsule envelope for stashing away odds and ends (artwork, school papers, hand tracings, birthday cards, invitations, and other memorabilia). From toddler hood to young adulthood to every hood in between, you'll return to the same four activities for each birthday. The questions prompts, and tone may shift each year, but the essence intentionally remains intact.

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## Customer Reviews

I have 4 kids and have purchased one for each of them. It is also my go-to gift for 1st birthday parties. This book has a page or two to fill out every year around your child's birthday. It starts out with a page describing their party, who was there, what presents they liked, and what they are currently "into". As they get older it asks for funny things they have said, and later still has a fun questionnaire to do with them. It also has a pocket for each year (except the first 3 years are combined) to save various mementos. I really enjoy filling it out every year! It doesn't take much time and I think it is going to be a treasured record of their childhood.

I really love this book and buy it for all my friend's for their children's 1st birthday. It's very easy to use, with questions and layouts all done for you. There's even a pocket for keepsakes. That's where I took away 1 star. The book itself needs to be bigger to accommodate 18 years worth of keepsakes. My son's only 5, but the book is already bulging from the few cards/napkins/decorations I've put in each year. So, a suggestion for future additions would be to make the book larger with more empty space between the covers so that all the items fit in!

As the title states, it's a pretty cute book and it's easy to use. There are pages with pre-filled "questions" (my first birthday party theme was, these are the people who were there, etc.) and areas where basic information is listed, and then as your child gets older there are pages for interviews or whatnot between parent and child. There are envelopes for each year where you can put anything you want in it, photos, a lock of hair from their first haircut, a letter written from parent to child, or other items that you might normally scrapbook. It's like the scrapbook for parents who don't have time to or who aren't or don't feel like they're very good at scrapbooking. I love it. I religiously keep photo albums for my kids, but this was a REALLY easy way to commemorate their birthdays in a way that I can pass on to them later. I bought one for my first born who will be 3 this year, and am going to purchase one soon for my LO who will be turning 1 later this year.

I absolutely love this book. This purchase was made after receiving one for my daughter as a gift. It's a great way to keep up with the kids just once a year by filling out a few questions. In the first few years you fill it out for them, and the kids answer questions. I think it's so easy and fun for the kids without the hassle and stress of keeping up with a scrapbook. I plan to purchase these for all my children. Highly Recommend it!

This is a really neat book and can't wait to keep it up throughout the years! Each year (after age 3) contains a packet for things they've done throughout the year, a space for a picture, a page to detail the birthday party and two pages of an "exclusive interview". The interview questions varied from "what do you like to do" to "at what age are you a grown up" to "what do you think about God" (not direct quotes, but similar questions). We also liked that many of the questions were repeated throughout different years, so you can get a sense of how the child has changed. The only thing I didn't love was the fact that the first three years are kind of clumped together. You can't really do an interview with the child at those ages, but I would have liked separate sections for each year like

they do for the later years. But, I guess that's why you have a baby book!

I love, love, love this book! I now plan on giving it to others for a newborn gift, and I really wish someone had given it to my children prior to their first birthday so all of the information could be accurate. With that said, you could easily fill out the information prior to their third birthday since you don't start the exclusive interviews until they turn three. Here is an example of the information you include for your child's fourth birthday: a picture You had a \_\_\_\_\_ themed party. Some of the friends who celebrated with you: \_\_\_\_\_ Your cake was \_\_\_\_\_ Your guests received a goody bag filled with \_\_\_\_\_ A highlight of the party was \_\_\_\_\_ Quick mental snapshot: When I close my eyes, this is how I picture you: \_\_\_\_\_ Your current nicknames are: \_\_\_\_\_ are your best pals You're really into \_\_\_\_\_ right now. Funny thing you said recently The interview questions for the fourth birthday are as follows: What were some of your favorite gifts that you got this year? Tell me what immediately comes to mind when I say these words: home, favorite color, brother/sister, magic, bedtime, school, love What's the last thing you were sad about? What makes you really really happy? Are you scared of anything? If you could have any animal in the world as a pet, what would it be? What do you think you'd like to be when you grow up? Do you like your name? Who's the last person you kissed? Big Thoughts from a little person page includes the following questions: At what age is a person officially grown up? What does mom or dad do at work all day? If you could always get everything that you want, do you think you'd always be happy? What do you think heaven is like? Finally, there's a time capsule with suggested ideas: Fourth birthday party invitation Tracing of your hand Piece of string as long as you are tall Sample artwork Newspaper clipping or printout of online news headlines Favorite candy wrapper Pre-school name tag, report card, or any other document from school Your birthday wish list on a folded-up piece of paper Keep in mind that this is just for the fourth birthday; each one has unique pages. You won't regret this purchase!!!

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