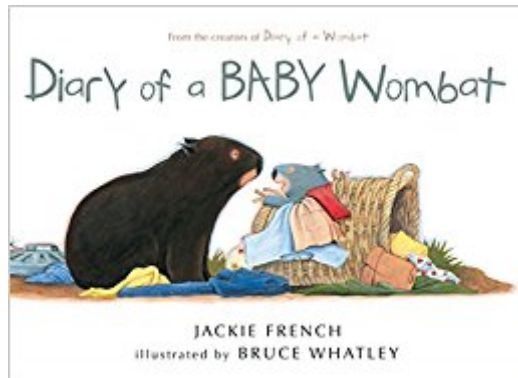


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# Diary Of A Baby Wombat



## Synopsis

The inimitable wombat who shared her adventures (eating, scratching, digging, sleeping) in the wildly successful *Diary of a Wombat* is back— with a baby! This time, it's the baby who tells the story. And a perfect wombat story it is, featuring eating, scratching, digging, sleeping, and playing, as well as the important task of finding a new underground home big enough for baby and Mum. Wry, understated humor and gorgeous, funny illustrations make this new picture book a brilliant next chapter in the wombat saga.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 2—As delectable in tone and delivery as the beloved *Diary of a Wombat* (Clarion, 2003), this title is told from the perspective of a baby wombat that makes multiple creative attempts to find the family a bigger home. Mum and baby are growing out of their burrow. They can't find a place big enough for them until the young wombat finds a human toddler friend who invites them to live in his "hole." This arrangement isn't successful, but children will be charmed by the friendship formed during the child and the animal's play. While the text, floating in plenty of white, reads simply: "Morning: Woke up.../Dug a new hole. /Afternoon: Scratched," the deft acrylic illustrations depict a sequence of vignettes laid out across the bottom margin of the page, reminiscent of a flip book laid out flat: baby wombat waddling out of a cramped burrow; toddler making a sand castle with baby wombat digging alongside; baby wombat scratching on a

young tree, causing a bird's nest to fall on the toddler's head. The typeface is childlike, etched, and irregular. Beginning readers have just enough text to gain confidence while the illustrations provide oodles more meaning and endless laughs. It is a text begging for inference. For more wombat facts, pair this with French's *How to Scratch a Wombat* (Clarion, 2009). Sara Lissa Paulson, American Sign Language and English Lower School PS 347, New York City  
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In this follow-up to *Diary of a Wombat* (2003), *Baby Wombat* is now writing his own diary about a life that is like his mum's. "Early morning: Slept. Slept. Late morning: Slept. Woke up but with a twist: "Smelled the flowers. Ate the flowers. The pacing of the spare text and the engaging illustrations combine humorously, especially when the baby wombat meets a human baby, and their antics mirror each other. Large areas of white space surround the whimsical acrylic illustrations, rife with subtle details, heightening the appeal of this cute picture book. Grades K-3. --Patricia Austin

We just love all of Jackie French's Wombat series books and hope more are to come. Each of these books are beautifully illustrated, and follow the trials and tribulations of a wombat. On our recent trip to Australia from the US, our young son was most excited to see wombats because of these books. They are lovely stories. You won't be disappointed!

Okay, so maybe the title is a slight exaggeration, but not too much. I was looking up the precursor (*Diary of a Wombat*) to order a copy for my mother so she could read it to my nephews when I stumbled across this gem. I ordered myself a copy and if the original is a hit with the boys, then she will be getting a copy for her library soon enough. I, personally, loved this one almost as much as the first and would recommend it to anyone I know. I am 27 and have both books in my personal collection...no kids, it is just for me.

my 5 year old grandson & I love this book. it's always nice to see a child who's laughing, because he's "getting" the humor.. I would recommend starting with "diary of a wombat."

I know it sounds obvious, it's hard to compete with the original. *Diary of a Baby Wombat* is cute, but I wish it would have tried harder to stick to the diary style that *Diary of a Wombat* was written in. The funniest parts of both books are when it describes the wombat's actions with a few words, but this is

the majority of the first book, while this book strays from that too often.

A delightful addition to the Wombat series, a fun easy read for beginners or story tellers, easy to elaborate on the emotions of a baby wombat's days of curiosity and wonder; in a ever changing world full of discovery and challenge. Perfect for that toddler to first grader who can relate to being wide eyed and ready for adventure and learning.

I LOVE this book. I practice my Aussie accent while I read it to my little ones :)

Loved it!

Not as great as the original Diary of a Wombat. I purchased this one by accident.

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