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Editorial Review

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For expectant parents, it's part of the tradition to pore endlessly over baby-name books searching for the perfect moniker. Names carry stereotypes, vary in perceived attractiveness (a blond bombshell named Gertrude?), and help influence how we see ourselves. As Sigmund Freud once said, "A human being's name is a principal component in her person, perhaps a piece of his soul." In *Beyond Jennifer and Jason, Madison and Montana*, name experts Linda Rosenkrantz and Pamela Redmond Satran present a baby-name book that goes far beyond the usual name lists and definitions. Satran and Rosenkrantz provide a thorough history of American naming traditions, discuss the psychological and sociological impact of names, and, yes, include list after list after list of possibilities organized into categories: popular names, old-fashioned names, comfy names, yuppie names, African-American names, androgynous names, Shakespearean names, unpopular names, creative names, mythological names, effective and ineffective middle names, classical names... and so on. Annotated with humorous notes, descriptions, quotes, and name-derivation definitions, the book is a fun and fascinating read even for those not debating between *Gravity* and *Jane* or *Mason* and *Hendrick*. -- *Ericka Lutz*

Review

“The classic baby name guide.” ?*The New York Times Magazine*

“The arbiter of hip baby names.” ?*The Wall Street Journal*

“The *Spy* magazine of name-the-baby books: smart, sassy, well-informed, and not afraid to name names.” ?*Scripps Howard News Service*

“Unlike garden-variety baby-name guides, [*Beyond Jennifer & Jason*] lays it on the line.” ?*Entertainment Weekly*

From the Author
"In the decade since we've begun writing about names, the world of baby-naming has mushroomed from a sleepy little enterprise, with parents naming their children Jennifer and Jason and wondering whether there might be anything more exciting out there, to an adventurous and intelligent and style-conscious activity in which parents investigate everything from their family trees to names from their ancestors' native lands to atlases and even dictionaries for names that are ever-more inventive, individual, and enlightened."

--Linda Rosenkrantz and Pamela Redmond Satran

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