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"Even before you were born,
I was your grandma
and I loved you."

A loving grandmother eagerly awaits the arrival of her grandchild. She dreams of the baby's soft sighs, sweet smells, and tiny toes, and imagines the infant smiling, rolling over, and crawling for the first time. Finally, the baby arrives and Grandma is ready with a very special message.

Tender and touching, Anne Bowen's *I Loved You Before You Were Born* perfectly conveys the magical anticipation of birth and the Joy a new child brings to a family. Greg Shed's rich, luminescent paintings capture the love and wonder of this blessed event.

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Kim Norman says

A book destined to become a classic. I've given it as a gift to several friends who were new grandparents.

Jenn says

This book is a lot like I Already Know I Love You, so perhaps I should have given it 3 stars, but it just didn't grab me. Again, the perspective is from a grandparent's point-of-view, and I'm not in that age category. The "story" -- if you can call it that -- was rather flat and most of the illustrations were not particularly appealing to me. You could tell they were done on a rough paper or canvas, so it was a textural element of which I'm not too fond.

I also found it a little bit odd that the illustrations had the baby in blue for much of the time and looking rather like a boy, until you get to the page talking about the 1st birthday cake with the yellow and pink frosting. What? I'm not sure if they were going to gender-neutrality (and failed) or if they were just confused. Either way, it was a little detail that detracted from the book (for me anyway).

My Favorite Picture:

The baby sleeping in the white shirt and diaper.

(Actually, my favorite is the picture on the back cover of the teddy bear.)

Debra says

made me cry

Kat says

I know I would've ranked this one higher if the situation actually "worked" for my family. The book is written from a paternal grandmother's perspective. The big problem is that my husband was adopted, so some of the grandmother narrator's commentary wasn't actually true (dialogue about being pregnant with the baby's father). This thought jarred me so much I found it difficult to enjoy the book. The art is beautiful, and the story really is quite good, but I just can't enjoy it the way another parent might.

Allison Radding says

Loved this book! It would make a great gift for a new grandparent!! I am expecting my first baby on October 15th and want to purchase this book my mother and my mother in Law! (Maybe a good mothers day gift)

Angie says

A very tender story of a grandmother who welcomes her first grandchild. Since I don't have any children of my own, I watched my mother first had with Meg and it was a very similar experience.

Monique Mcdonald says

When reading this book I thought about my mom when she wrote a poem for my daughter before she was born.

Amy says

Wonderful story of the love of a Grandmother towards her new baby grandson.

Sheri says

Good read with photos for Grandma to read to her grandchild. Liked it and was reading for structure and insight to picture books without a problem or Rule of 3.

Rachel says

Such a cute book

Kim says

It is a great book from a paternal grandma, telling the story of a grandma waiting for her grandchild.

My mother-in-law died of cancer 6 months before my husband and I married. Before she died she gave us a few books for our future children. This was one of them. Her inscription reads, "To my sweet Angel From Heaven Love Grandma Carol." Try to read that each time you open the cover and not tear up.

Carol says

A book about grandparents and babies.

Araia Zeorian says

I had to do a computer project with this book. It was really fun to do that. I thought this book was really sweet and I liked that it was a kid friendly books.

Elizabeth Mundie says

I love this book. To my grandchild, who is on the way, I do love you before you are born.

Sandy T says

Another GREAT grandma book! Beautiful illustrations, although I would have liked to see the grandma look a little younger!

It tells of the anticipation the grandma had for the baby's birth, and how excited they were when he was born... also about memories of when the baby's daddy was her baby.

A sweet book... I can't wait to read it to Sam when he comes next month!
