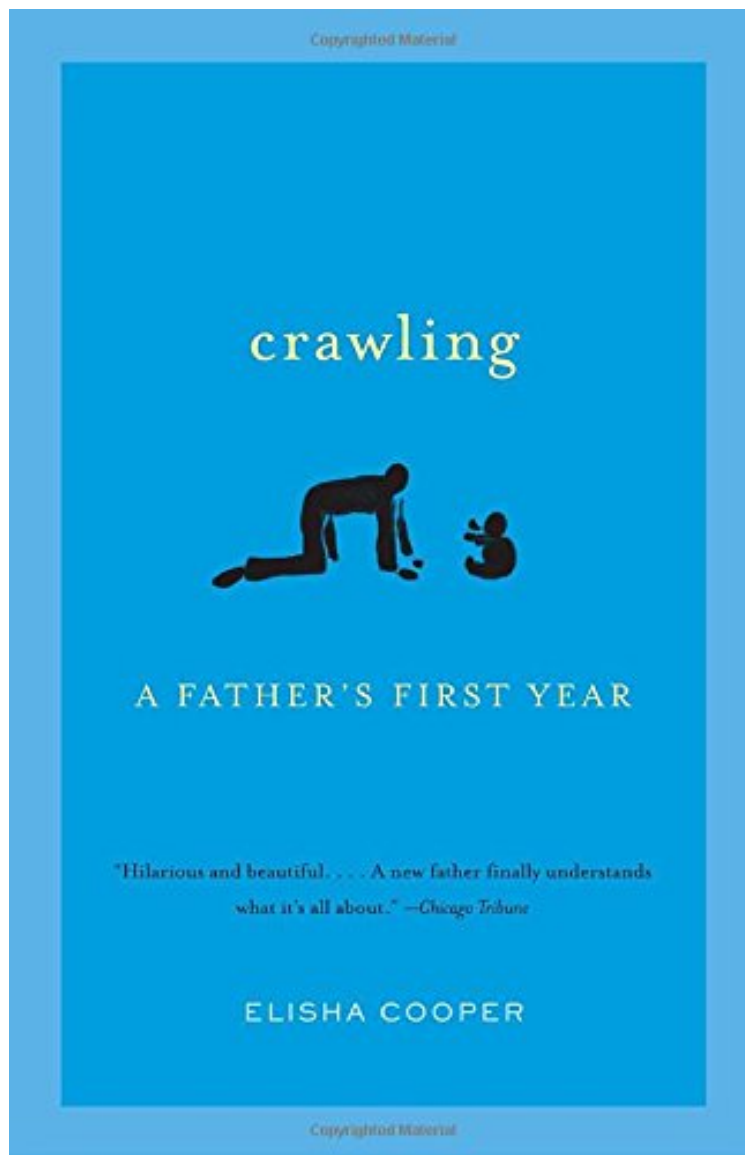


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Catherine GoldenThis is s great book for a new father!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Honestly BraveBy RYCJThis daddy's first year sags nowhere, neither in the beginning, the middle, nor at the end of his first year. Candor is his virtue, and bravery too, leaving not one page where I wasn't taken by the humor and assiduous metaphors. My favorite parts were Zoe's birth -- he'd call

911 but was already in the hospital... the Sportscenter the Beastie Boy -- the entire premise musing around the "f" word... the Crips' in the playground I liked too, and of course the dog at the end. That scene in the parking lot was a beautiful wrap-up. -- And hats off to Elise as well. I thought about her a lot...right up until the move to Chicago, which brought on a big cheer...and tear. Crawling is a wonderful keepsake, one I suspect Zoe will treasure forever. She has one of the bravest daddy's in the world. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not just for FathersBy callan childsi bought this for my husband for our baby shower, and he has continued to enjoy reading it since our daughter has been born. The writing style is great - so enjoyable and funny. We both love this book! Our babysitter who is a mother of three read parts of it one night at our house and also fell in love. So, we ordered one for her too!

From an award-winning illustrator and children's book author comes a touching, honest, and laugh-out-loud funny memoir about parenting, love, and the wonder of new life. "I would have sooner been handed a bomb than a baby," admits Elisha Cooper, early in his charming chronicle of his first year as a father. But that, like everything else, is about to change. Luckily, Cooper recorded it all: from playing Outkast's "So Fresh, So Clean" as he changes his daughter's diaper, to having a romantic dinner at Chez Panisse with his wife--and baby. Cooper's disarmingly beautiful essays about the perils and pleasures of parenthood will appeal to any reader, and especially all parents, no matter how old their children. He has done what every new parent is too busy, or too tired, to do—captured with grace the joys, fears, and stumbles of learning to raise a child for the first time.

From Publishers Weekly In spite of all the fine children's books he'd written and illustrated (*Magic Thinks Big; Dance!*), Cooper always knew, deep down, that he didn't really like children "in person." Parents were worse. Parents were people who used to have interesting lives, but now spent their waking hours discussing how tired they were. Adults without children dined in marvelously relaxing restaurants; parents ate in horribly plastic places featuring "mac and cheese." The very act of becoming a parent—that "miracle" of his wife giving birth to Zoë—was frightening; as he said, "I'd call 911 but we're already in a hospital." In loosely chronological essays, Cooper describes his experiences taking Zoë to the local cafe, to playgrounds, to the petting farm or to "baby night" at the movies. Before long, he started to relax. He learned to give her diaper a surreptitious sniff and not make a big deal of it. Rather than complain about Zoë's outfits, he learned just to change them after his wife left for work. While he always found something new to worry about, he also realized it didn't matter, since he was so totally besotted with this dear child. With a delicious sense of humor and remarkably graceful phrasing, Cooper's journal is a gift to all new parents—especially the guys. (Sept.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "Hilarious and beautiful. . . . A new father finally understands what it's all about." —Chicago Tribune "A bravely honest memoir of parenthood." —The New York Times "Funny. . . . Cooper grows as fast emotionally as his daughter does physically." —Los Angeles Times "Priceless. . . . Compelling and endearing. . . . A coming-of-age story that's both hilarious and tender. . . . Knocks fatherhood off its pedestal while conveying the wonder of bringing another being into the world." —Time Out Chicago About the Author Elisha Cooper is the author of the acclaimed children's book *Dance!* (one of the New York Times Best Illustrated Children's Books of the Year), *Ice Cream*, and *Magic Thinks Big*. He lives in Chicago with his wife and two daughters.