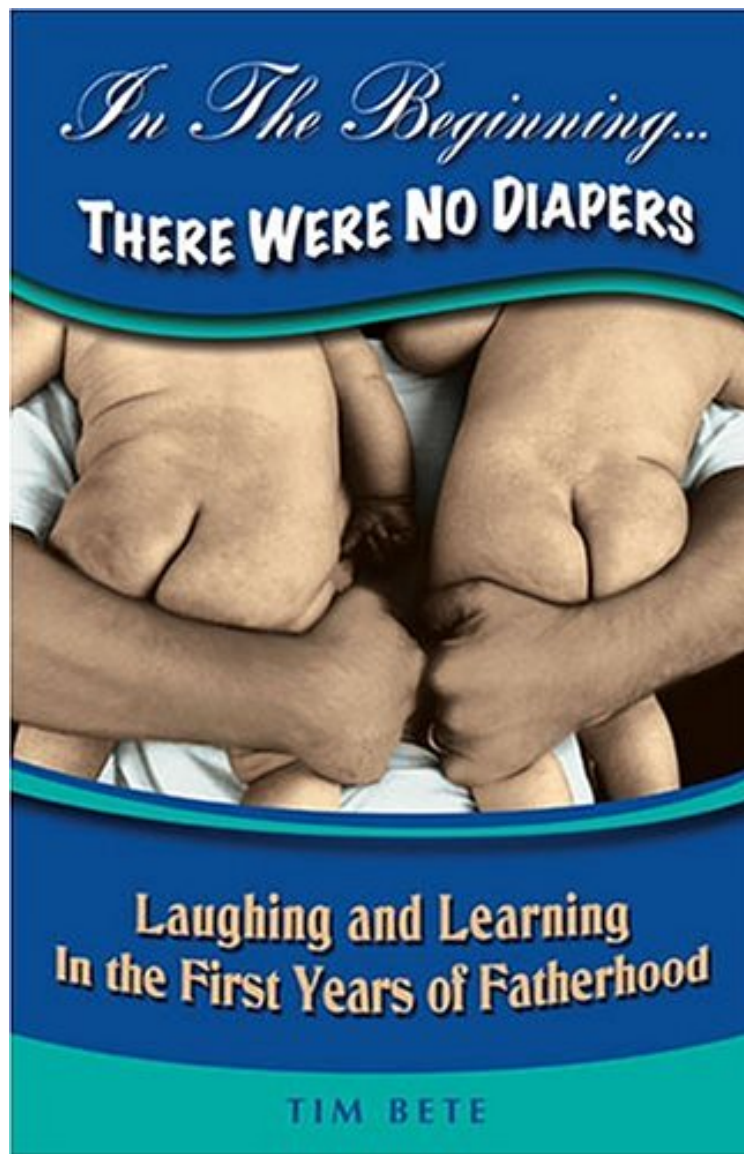


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If you can change a diaper in an airplane lavatory. . . If you can recite "The Cat in the Hat" by heart . . . If you find cookie crumbs in your pocket ... then you're a parent who'll get a good laugh--and inspiration--from "In the Beginning ... There Were No Diapers." Tim Bete understands that in the midst of the challenges of parenting there's always a chance to smile and recognize the miracle of the young life that is yours to care for. His real life stories will make you laugh out loud and they'll fill you with a sense of gratitude to God for this marvelous calling. Drawn from his beloved column, "Where I Live," each story is an insightful and uplifting lesson in parenting. With self-effacing humor and a playful sense of fun, Bete helps you to smile and relax to enjoy parenting a little more, and to worry a little less.

Tim Bete is the funniest man on earth when it comes to capturing the thrills and spills of life with kids. From potty training with MM's to Dad's Service Center, I laughed out loud. "In the Beginning,," is the best clean, down to earth and funniest book I've read in years. --Jodie Lynn, syndicated parenting columnist and author of "Mommy-CEO". This is a wonderful book filled with humorous insights into parenting from a Father's perspective. Although it's written this way -- it is a delight for both Dads AND Moms to read. The author knows the value of Mom AND Dad. The book is great to pick up and read a chapter at a time -- but I bet you can't put it down after just one! --Carla Hoff, Christianmom.com Tim's brand of humor is infectious -- pick up his book and you'll find your mood improved and your perspective on parenthood and family life refreshed! This is a great gift book, but purchase it for yourself as well. --Lisa Hendey, Catholicmom.com