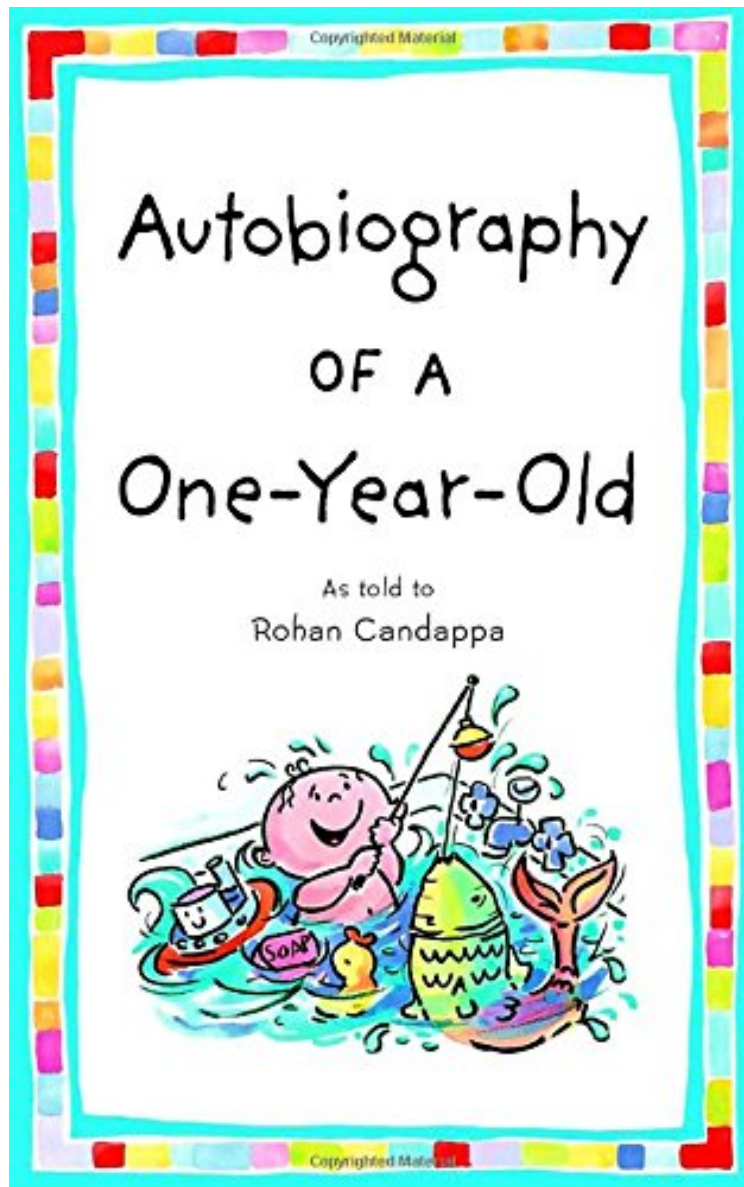


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without a doubt the most intelligent book I have ever read. The sad thing is that I bought it from the \$1.99 bin at a second-rate book store in an outlet mall...0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Wow!! but primarily for adults who love children. By Vikram Seth Rohan, *Take a Bow*. This is your best effort yet. If you wonder what goes on in the minds of infants, and yes they do have a mind that we all would love to understand then this is possibly the only book that tells you all even while you enjoy reading it. In an absolutely simple prose the author reveals the thoughts of children during their first few months in our complex world. The introduction to the father where the child on seeing his father wonders who is this hairy person is spot on and illustrative of the effort the author has put in to read the mind of a child. This is not a parental guide but even better. Now I understand the antics of my toddler and have a better perspective of her actions. This laugh out a sentence book is so good that I've stopped reading the last few chapters as I don't want to finish the book ever.

"I am a one-year-old and this is my autobiography...." Have you ever looked at your baby and wondered what he or she is thinking? Are you ready to find out? "I thought it was about time someone told it like it is. So I'm spilling the beans on the world of a one-year-old. A world where you're left in the charge of totally inept parents. Where everything's at completely the wrong height. Where you're not allowed to splash in the bath but you are in the pool. Where nobody understands a single word you say. And where diapers and poop loom large at every turn. "It's a roller-coaster ride through one heck of a year. I've laughed a lot, I've cried a lot, I've learned a lot. And so will you. You might even discover the answer to that age-old question: Humpty Dumpty — did he fall or was he pushed? "Anyway, must run. I see a bowl of tepid gloop is being spooned out for me. What joy." Welcome to the wonderful world of your one-year-old.

From Publishers Weekly "I stink, therefore I am." So muses the plucky babe in Candappa's latest. Writer and humorist Candappa has previously dwelled on feng shui, and stress, among other topics, and here imagines life from the perspective of a pre-verbal one-year-old. Through a monologue in essay installments, the narrator holds forth on such topics as effective crying methods, vacuum cleaners as "long-nosed sucky beasts," food, the diabolical crib, the trauma of vacation, mirrors, walking, parental interference and many other mundane discoveries along the road to becoming a two-year-old. At the outset, our protagonist sees the world as a tricky place peopled by those who blindly manipulate him for their own ends, and he scrutinizes and experiments with an air of disdain occasionally laced with innocent wonder. Along the way, he trips into some sweet discoveries characterized by a growing awareness of interdependence, which make for the funniest sections of the book. These include a compassionate imagining that his parents are so poor they must eat his leftover food. In general, the author hits the mark on how life might look from the perspective of a baby-cum-toddler, but unfortunately the book is less successful in its overdone cultural references, turning our little terror into a dated armchair philosopher (e.g. "Wasn't it Stevie Winwood in 'Higher Love' who sang 'If you see a chance, take it.' An admirable philosophy, I think you'll agree"). Many readers will look past these annoyances and enjoy a glimpse of life from the other side, although they might prefer it a bit less conspiratorial and sarcastic. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. "[E]njoy a glimpse of life from the other side." — Publishers Weekly

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