
BABY BARGAINS STROLLER GUIDE



*Which stroller is right for you?
Advice, tips and more!
Plus the stroller picks
as seen on*



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CHAPTER 9



Strollers, Diaper Bags, Carriers and Other Gear To Go

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Welcome to this special excerpt of *Baby Bargains* for NBC's *Today Show*. With this free download, we'll give you tips on how to buy the best stroller, advice on safety and more. Plus you'll find all the strollers that were featured on the show! If you like this excerpt, check out the last page of this guide for info on how to download our entire stroller chapter or buy the *Baby Bargains* book,

Strollers

Baby stores offer a bewildering array of strollers for parents. Do you want the model that converts from a car seat to a stroller? What about a stroller that would work for a quick trip to the mall? Or do you want a stroller for jogging? Hiking trails? The urban jungle of New York City or beaches of LA?

And what about all the different brand names? Will a basic brand found at a discount store work? Or do you need a higher-quality brand from Europe? What about strollers with anti-lock brakes and air bags? (Just kidding on that last one).

The \$500 million dollar stroller industry is not dominated by one or two players, like you might see in car seats or high chairs. Instead, you'll find a couple *dozen* stroller makers offering just about anything on wheels, ranging from \$30 for a bare-bones model to \$880 for a Dutch-designed uber stroller. A recent trend: tri-wheel strollers that are hybrids between joggers and traditional strollers.

We hope this section takes some of the mystery out of the stroller buying process. First, we'll look at the six different types of strollers on the market today. Next, we'll zero in on features and help you decide what's important and what's not. Then read our picks for strollers, as seen on NBC Today's Show.



What Are You Buying?

There are six types of strollers you can buy:

◆ **Umbrella Strollers.** The name comes from the appearance of the stroller when it's folded, similar to an umbrella.

WHAT'S COOL: They're lightweight and generally cheap—that is, low in price (about \$25 to \$35). We should note that a handful of premium stroller makers (Maclaren and Peg Perego) also offer pricey umbrella strollers that sell for \$150 to \$250. Pictured here is a no-frills Kolcraft umbrella stroller.



WHAT'S NOT: They're cheap—that is, low in quality (well, with the exception of Maclaren and Peg Perego). You typically don't get any fancy features like canopies, storage baskets, reclining seats, and so on. Another problem: most umbrella strollers have hammock-style seats with little head support, so they won't work well for babies under six months of age.

◆ **Carriage Strollers.** A carriage (also called a pram) is like a bed on wheels—most are similar in style to a bassinet. Since this feature is most useful when a baby is young (and less helpful when baby is older), most companies make carriages that convert to strollers. Pictured here is the Peg Perego Venezia carriage stroller.



WHAT'S COOL: Full recline is great for newborns, which spend most of their time sleeping. Most combo carriage/strollers have lots of high-end features like plush seats, quilted canopies and other accessories to keep the weather out. The best carriage strollers and prams have a dreamy ride, with amazing suspensions and big wheels.

WHAT'S NOT: Hefty weight (not easy to transport or set up) and hefty price tags. Another negative: most Euro-style "prams" have fixed front wheels, which make maneuvering difficult on quick trips. Some carriage/stroller models can top \$300 and \$400. These strollers once dominated the market but have lost favor as more parents opt for "travel systems" that combine an infant seat and stroller (see below).

◆ **Lightweight Strollers.** These strollers are our top recommendation: they're basically souped-up umbrella strollers with

many convenience features.

WHAT'S COOL: Most offer easy set-up and fold-down; some even fold up similar to umbrella strollers. Many models have an amazing number of features (canopies, storage baskets, high-quality wheels) at amazingly light weights (as light as seven pounds). Combi (pictured at right) is this category's leader, although many companies (namely Graco) have introduced low-priced, Combi knock-offs in recent years.



WHAT'S NOT: Can be expensive—most high-quality brands run \$200 to \$300. The smaller wheels on lightweight strollers make maneuvering in the mall or stores easy . . . but those same wheels don't perform well on uneven surfaces or on gravel trails. Skimpy baskets are another trade-off.

◆ **Jogging (or Sport) Strollers.** These strollers feature three big bicycle-tire wheels and lightweight frames—perfect for jogging or walking on rough roads.



WHAT'S COOL: How many other strollers can do 15 mph on a jogging trail? Some have plush features like padded seats and canopies—and the best fold up quickly for easy storage in the trunk. This category has boomed in recent years; now it seems like every stroller maker is rolling out a jogger model.

WHAT'S NOT: They can be darn expensive, topping \$200 or even \$300. Jogging strollers are a single-purpose item—thanks to their sheer bulk and a lack of steering, you can't use one in a mall or other location. On the plus side, the flood of new models is helping lower prices. New, low-end jogging strollers run \$100 to \$150. The trade-offs to the new bargain price models: heavier steel frames and a lack of features.

◆ **All-terrain Strollers.** The baby equivalent of four-wheel drive sport-utility vehicles, these strollers are pitched to parents who want to go on hikes or other outdoor adventures.



WHAT'S COOL: Big air-filled tires and high clearances work better on gravel trails/roads than standard strollers. These strollers are great for neighborhoods with broken or rough sidewalks. All-terrain strollers still have convenience features (baskets, canopies, etc.), yet don't cost as much as jogging strollers (most are under \$100). Besides, they look cool. Pictured here is the Zooper Boogie.

WHAT'S NOT: A few models have fixed front wheels, making them a hassle to use—when you want to turn the stroller, you have to lift the entire front half off the ground. Even if the front wheels swivel (which is more common these days), the larger wheels make the stroller less maneuverable in tight spaces. All-terrain strollers are wider than other strollers, which could make them troublesome in stores with narrow aisles. Another caveat: many models now boast “pneumatic” (inflated) wheels for a smoother ride. The only bummer—what if you get a flat? Look for brands that include a pump. While pneumatic-tire strollers seem to be the new hot trend, most folks who really want to go on a hike will opt for a jogging stroller instead of an all-terrain.

◆ **Travel systems.** It's the current rage among stroller makers—models that combine infant car seats and strollers (also called “travel systems”). Century (now part of Graco) kicked off this craze way back in 1994 with its “4-in-1” model that featured four uses (infant carrier, infant car seat, carriage and toddler stroller). Since then, just about every major stroller maker has jumped into the travel system market. Travel systems have just about killed sales of carriage strollers; now even carriage stroller king Peg Perego has bowed to the travel system trend. Pictured here is the Graco MetroLite travel system.



WHAT'S COOL: Great convenience—you can take the infant car seat out of the car and then snap it into the stroller frame. Voila! Instant baby carriage, complete with canopy and basket. Later, you can use the stroller as, well, just a stroller.

WHAT'S NOT: The strollers are often junk—especially those by mass market makers Cosco and Evenflo. Quality problems plague this category, as does something we call “feature bloat.” Popular travel systems from Graco, for example, are so loaded with features that they tip the scales at nearly 30 pounds! The result: many parents abandon their travel system strollers for lighter weight models after baby outgrows his infant seat. And considering these puppies can cost \$150 to \$250 (some even more), that's a big investment for such short use. On the plus side, quality stroller makers Peg Perego, Maclaren and Combi have jumped into the travel system market, albeit with different solutions.



Safe & Sound

Next to defective car seats, the most dangerous juvenile product on the market today is the stroller. That's according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, which estimates that over 10,000 injuries a year occur from improper use or defects. The problems? Babies can slide out of the stroller (falling to the ground) and small parts can be a choking hazard. Seat belts have broken in some models, while other babies are injured when a stroller's brakes fail on a slope. Serious mishaps with strollers have involved entanglements and entrapments (where an unrestrained baby slides down and gets caught in a leg opening). Here are some safety tips:

- 1 **NEVER HANG BAGS FROM THE STROLLER HANDLE**—it's a tipping hazard.
- 2 **DON'T LEAVE YOUR BABY ASLEEP UNATTENDED IN A STROLLER.** Many injuries happen when infants who are lying down in a stroller roll or creep and then manage to get their head stuck in the stroller's leg openings. Be safe: take a sleeping baby out of a stroller and move them to a crib or bassinet.
- 3 **THE BRAKES SHOULDN'T BE TRUSTED.** The best stroller models have brakes on two wheels; cheaper ones just have one wheel that brakes. Even with the best brakes, don't leave the stroller unattended on an incline.
- 4 **FOLLOW THE WEIGHT LIMITS.** Most strollers shouldn't be used for children over 35 pounds.
- 5 **CHECK FOR THE JPMA CERTIFICATION.** The JPMA (the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association) has a pretty good safety certification program for strollers. They require that strollers must have a locking device to prevent accidental folding and meet other safety standards, such as those for brakes. You can contact the JPMA for a list of certified strollers at (856) 231-8500 or www.jpma.org.
- 6 **JOGGING STROLLERS ARE BEST FOR BABIES OVER ONE YEAR OF AGE.** Yes, some stroller makers tout their joggers for babies as young as six weeks (or six months) of age. But we think the neck muscles of such small infants can't take the shocks of jogging or walking on rough paths (or going over curbs). Ask your pediatrician if you need more advice on when it is safe to use a jogger.



Smart Shopper Tips

Smart Shopper Tip #1

Give it a Test Drive

“My friend was thinking of buying a stroller online, sight unseen. Should you really buy a stroller without trying it first?”

It’s best to try before you buy. Most stores have at least one stroller set up as a floor model. Give it a whirl, practice folding it up, and check the steering. One smart tip: put some weight in the stroller seat (borrow a friend’s toddler or use a backpack full of books that weighs about 15 pounds). The steering and maneuverability will feel different if the stroller is loaded—obviously, that’s a more real world test-drive.

Once you’ve tried it out, shop for price through ‘net or mail order sources. Ask retailers if they will meet or beat prices quoted to you online (many quietly do so). What if you live in Kansas and the nearest dealer for a stroller you want is in, say, Texas? Then you may have no choice but to buy sight unseen—but just make sure the web site or catalog has a good return policy. Another tip: use message boards like those on our web site (www.BabyBargains.com) to quiz other parents about stroller models.

If you buy a stroller from a store, we strongly recommend opening the box and making sure everything is in there BEFORE you leave the store!

Smart Shopper Tip #2

What Features Really Matter?

“Let’s cut through the clutter here. Do I really need a stroller that has deluxe shock absorbers and four-wheel drive? What features are really important?”

Walk into any baby store and you’ll encounter a blizzard of strollers. Do you want a stroller with a full recline? Boot and retractable canopy? What the heck is a boot, anyway? Here’s a look at the features in the stroller market today:

Features for baby:

◆ **Reclining seat.** Since babies less than six months of age sleep most of the time and can’t hold their heads up, strollers that have reclining seats are a plus. Yet, the *extent* of a stroller’s seat recline varies by model. Some have full reclines, a few recline part of the way (120 degrees) and some don’t recline at all. FYI: just because a

stroller has a “full recline” does NOT mean it reclines to 180 degrees. It may recline slightly less than that for safety reasons.

◆ **Front (or napper) bar.** As a safety precaution, many strollers have a front bar (also called a napper bar) that keeps baby secure (though you should always use the stroller’s safety harness). Better strollers have a bar that’s padded and removable. Why removable? Later, when your baby gets to toddler hood, you may need to remove the bar to make it easier for the older child to access the stroller. FYI: Some strollers have a kid snack tray, which serves much the same function as a napper bar.

◆ **Seat padding.** You’ll find every possible padding option out there, from bare bones models with a single piece of fabric to strollers with deluxe-quilted padding made from fine fabrics hand woven by monks in Luxembourg. (Okay, just kidding—the monks actually live in Switzerland). For seating, some strollers have cardboard platforms (these can be uncomfortable for long rides) and other models have fabric that isn’t removable or machine washable (see below for more on this).

◆ **Shock absorbers or suspension systems.** Yes, a few strollers do have wheels equipped with shock absorbers for a smoother ride. We’re unsure how effective this feature really is—it’s not like you could wheel baby over potholes without waking her up. On the other hand, if you live in a neighborhood with uneven or rough sidewalks, they might be worth a look.

◆ **Wheels.** In reality, how smooth a stroller ride is more related to the type of wheels. The general rule: the more the better. Strollers with double wheels on each leg ride smoother than single wheels. Most strollers have plastic wheels. In recent years, some stroller makers have rolled out models with “pneumatic” or inflated wheels. These offer a smoother ride.

◆ **Weather protection.** Yes you can buy a stroller that’s outfitted for battle with a winter in New England. The options include retractable hoods/canopies and “boots” (which protect a child’s feet) to block out wind, rain or cold. Fabrics play a role here too—some strollers feature quilted hoods to keep baby warm and others claim they are water repellent. While a boot is an option some may not need, hoods/canopies are rather important, even if just to keep the sun out of baby’s eyes. Some strollers only have a canopy (or “sunshade”) that partially covers baby, while other models have a full hood that can completely cover the stroller. Look for canopies that have lots of adjustments (to block a setting sun) and have “peak-a-boo” windows that let you see baby even when closed.

What if your stroller doesn’t have a rain cover? One option is the Protect a Bub Rain & Wind Cover, which comes in both single (\$20) and double versions (\$30). An Australian company makes it (web:protect-a-bubusa.com).

Features for parents:

◆ **Storage baskets.** Many strollers have deep, under-seat baskets for storage of coats, purses, bags, etc. Yet, the amount of storage can vary sharply from model to model. Inexpensive umbrella strollers may have no basket at all, while other models have tiny baskets. Mass-market strollers (Graco, etc.) typically have the most storage; other stroller makers have been playing catch-up in the basket game. Combi, for example, has added new models with bigger storage baskets. One tip: it's not just the size of the storage basket but the access to it that counts. Some strollers have big baskets but are practically inaccessible when the seat is reclined. A support bar blocks others.

◆ **Removable seat cushion for washing.** Let's be honest: strollers can get icky real fast. Crushed-in cookies, spilt juice and the usual grime can make a stroller a mobile dirt-fest. Some strollers have removable seat cushions that are machine washable—other models let you remove *all* of the fabric for a washing. Watch out for those models with non-removable fabric/seat cushions—while you can clean these strollers in one of those manual car washes (with a high-pressure nozzle), it's definitely a hassle (especially in the winter).

◆ **Lockable wheels.** Some strollers have front wheels that can be locked in a forward position—this enables you to more quickly push the stroller in a straight line.

◆ **Wheel size.** You'll see just about every conceivable size wheel out there on strollers today. As you might guess, the smaller wheels are good for maneuverability in the mall, but larger wheels handle rough sidewalks (or gravel paths) much better.

◆ **Handle/Steering.** This is an important area to consider—most strollers have a single bar handle, which enables one-handed steering. Other strollers have two handles (example: Maclarens as well as Peregó's Pliko line). Two handles require two hands to push, but enable a stroller to fold up compactly, like an umbrella. It's sort of a trade-off—steer ability versus easier fold. There are other handle issues to consider as well. A handful of strollers feature a “reversible” handle. Why would you want that? By reversing the handle, you can push the stroller while the baby faces you (better for small infants). Later, you can reverse the handle so an older child can look out while being pushed from behind. (Note: models with reversible handles seem increasingly rare in recent years; we'll note which models still have this feature in the full stroller chapter of our book). Another important factor: consider the handle *height*. Some handles have adjustable heights to better accommodate taller parents. However, just because a stroller touts this feature doesn't mean it adjusts to accommodate a seven-foot tall parent (at most, you get an extra inch or two of height). Finally, a few stroller makers offer “one-touch fold” handles. Hit a button on the

stroller and it can be folded up with one motion. On our web site BabyBargains.com (click on Bonus Material), we have a chart that lists strollers with height-adjustable handles and one-touch folds.

◆ **Compact fold.** We call it the trunk factor—when a stroller is folded, will it fit in your trunk? Some strollers fold compactly and can fit in a narrow trunk or airline overhead cabin, which is great if you plan to do much traveling. Other strollers are still quite bulky when folded—think about your trunk space before buying. Unfortunately, we are not aware of any web site that lists the size/footprint of strollers when folded. You are on your own to size up models when folded in a store, compared to your trunk (hint: take measurements before you hit the baby store). Not only should you consider how compactly a stroller folds, but also how it folds in general. The best strollers fold with just one or two quick motions; others require you to hit 17 levers and latches. The latest stroller fold fad: strollers that fold standing UP instead of down. Why is this better? Because strollers that fold down to the ground can get dirty/scratched in a parking lot.

◆ **Durability.** Should you go for a lower-price stroller or a premium brand? Let's be honest: the lower-priced strollers (say, under \$100) have nowhere near the durability of the models that cost \$200 to \$400. Levers that break, reclining seats which stop reclining and other glitches can make you hate a cheap stroller mighty quick. Yet, some parents don't need a stroller that will make it through the next world war. If all you do is a couple of quick trips to the mall every week or so, then a less expensive stroller will probably be fine. However, if you plan to use the stroller for more than one child, live in an urban environment with rough sidewalks, or plan extensive outdoor adventures with baby, then invest in a better stroller. Later in this chapter, we'll go over specific models and give you brand recommendations for certain lifestyles.

◆ **Overall weight.** Yes, it's a dilemma: the more feature-laden the stroller, the more it weighs. Yet it doesn't take lugging a 30-pound stroller in and out of a car trunk more than a few times to justify the expense of a lighter-weight design. Carefully consider a stroller's weight before purchase. Some parents end up with two strollers—a lightweight/umbrella-type stroller for quick trips (or air travel) and then a more feature-intensive model for extensive outdoor outings.

One factor to consider with weight: steel vs. aluminum frames. Steel is heavier than aluminum, but some parents prefer steel because it gives the stroller a stiffer feel. Along the same lines, sometimes we get complaints from parents who own aluminum strollers because they feel the stroller is too “wobbly”—while it's lightweight, one of aluminum's disadvantages is its flexibility. One tip for dealing with a wobbly stroller: lock the front wheels so you can push the stroller in a straight line. That helps to smooth the ride.



The Name Game: Reviews of Selected Manufacturers

In Baby Bargains, we rate and review over 25 stroller brands. Here is an excerpt of a couple of those reviews..

Bugaboo For a dealer near you, call 800-460-2922. Web: www.bugaboo.nl. Bugaboo. It's Dutch for "priced as if from a hotel mini-bar."

The Models. Here's an unlikely recipe for success in the stroller biz. Take a Dutch-designed stroller, attach a \$700 price tag and voila! Instant hit, right? Well, chalk this one up to some creative marketing (or at least, lucky timing).

Bugaboo's breakthrough success was the Frog, named as such for its small wheels in front that give it a frog-like look. The Frog was a clever hybrid between an all-terrain and carriage stroller, pitched to parents for its multiple uses. The Frog was comprised of three parts: an aluminum frame and bassinet that could later be replaced by a stroller seat (included with canopy and basket). It weighed about 19 to 22 lbs., depending on how it was configured.

So, how did the Bugaboo become so hot? Sure, it was fashionable, but that doesn't quite explain it. The Bugaboo had one of the great product placements of all time . . . it was the featured stroller on HBO's series *Sex in the City*. The rest is stroller history. In no time, celebs like Gwyneth Paltrow were swishing their Bugaboos across the pages of *People* magazine.

Figuring a \$700 stroller was a bit bourgeois, Bugaboo's sequel to the Frog—the aptly named Cameleon—now costs \$880. The Cameleon adds a more springy suspension on the front wheels, plus a slightly larger seat frame and higher chassis. Unlike the Frog, the Cameleon will be available in a wide range of color combinations—you can choose from four base colors and eight top colors, mix and match. Also new: a height adjustable handle.

If that is too much, the stripped down Gecko also joins the Bugaboo line. The Gecko omits the front suspension and is lighter (15 lbs. versus 20 lbs. for the Cameleon). It sells for \$680. We suppose the Gecko is for B-list celebrities.

FYI: Bugaboo sells a raft of accessories for its strollers (what? you thought that would be included?). Add in these extras and you could be out \$1000 or more. Example: a \$45 car seat adapter lets you attach most major brand infant car seats to the frame.

Our view. Well, on the plus side, parents who have purchased Bugaboo strollers universally praise their quality and ease of use—love the smooth steering, cozy bassinet, reversible seat and so on.

On the other hand . . . it's insane to spend this much on a stroller. And shhh! Don't tell anyone, but the Bugaboo is actually made in Taiwan, not Europe. **Rating: You're kidding, right?**

Mountain Buggy Web: www.mountainbuggy.com. This little company from New Zealand has a hot seller in its rugged, all-terrain strollers, which have won fans in both urban areas and the 'burbs. These tri-wheel strollers feature lightweight aluminum frames (17-19 lbs. depending on the model), 12" air-filled wheels with polymer rims (great for use near the beach), full reclining seats, height adjustable handles, one step folds and large two-position sun canopies.

The models. The key model is their Urban Single, which has a front wheel that can swivel or be fixed. The result is great maneuverability, unlike other joggers with fixed wheels (which limits their appeal for more urban uses). If you don't need the swivel front wheel, Mountain Buggy offers a model with a fixed front wheel (the Terrain Single). Mountain Buggy also sells two double models (the Urban Double with swivel front wheels and the Terrain Double with fixed wheels).

Are these strollers too big for your needs? Check out the Breeze, a mini-version of the Terrain with a fixed front wheel, wire basket, fully reclining seat. It features 10" tires and weighs just 14 lbs.

So, how much is this going to cost you? Here's the bummer: Mountain Buggies are darn expensive. The Urban Single is \$430, the Terrain Single \$350, the Breeze Single \$300. The Urban Double is \$650; the Terrain Double \$420-\$480. There are even TRIPLE versions of the Urban and Terrain that run about \$700 to \$800.

New in 2006, Mountain Buggy adds some improvements to the Urban, including shock absorbers, a new scratch-resistant finish for the frame and an extended sun canopy with extra storage.

Our view. Okay, those prices are high. BUT, Mountain Buggies have a weight limit of 100 pounds, so you can use this stroller for a LONG time. And parents love the slew of optional accessories, including bug shield and full sun cover . . . AND a clip that lets you attach an infant car seat to their single stroller models. Too tall for most strollers? Mountain Buggy also sells a "handlebar extender" that adds 3" of height for taller parents.

And we can't forget Mountain Buggy's recent brush with fame: after an Urban Double saved a toddler from a building collapse in New York City, Mountain Buggy was featured on TV news shows around the world.

So, we'll give this brand our top rating despite the stiff prices. Positive parent reviews and added flexibility from all those accessories make these strollers worth the price. FYI: Mountain Buggy is so new to North America that these strollers are hard to see in person. Nonetheless, if you have a dealer near by, they are worth a look. **Rating: A**

Our Stroller Picks: As seen on NBC Today

Umbrella



On a budget.

BEST BET: COMBI COSMO EX

Weight: 13 lbs.

Price: \$60 to \$100, depending on the version. The EX is \$100 at Babies R Us.

Why we like it: Super lightweight stroller for the mall doesn't empty the wallet. Love the cool fold and carry strap.



If Grandma is buying . . .

BEST BET: MACLAREN TECHNO XT

Weight: 17 lbs.

Price: \$300.

Why we like it: Nice padding, three-position handles and durable frame can take whatever an urban city can dish out.

Doubles



On a budget.

BEST BET: JEEP (KOLCRAFT) TWIN SPORT ALL WEATHER

Weight: 23 lbs.

Price: \$72 at Wal-Mart.

Why we like it: Affordable double ain't fancy, but features a quick fold and two canopies. Did we mention it is just \$72?



If Grandma is buying . . .

BEST BET: PHIL & TED E3 EXPLORER

Weight: 22 lbs. without toddler seat.

Price: \$470 as seen with toddler seat.

Why we like it: Innovative design lets a toddler ride shot-gun behind an infant. Steerable front wheel, all terrain tires, and more.

Joggers



On a budget.

BEST BET: BABY TREND EXPEDITION LX

Weight: 27 lbs.

Price: \$100 at Target.

Why we like it: Just need a jogger for walks in the neighborhood or an occasional hike? This will do the trick. Steel frame, canopy, basket and the price is right.



If Grandma is buying . . .

BEST BET: BOB IRONMAN SPORT UTILITY STROLLER

Weight: 20 lbs.

Price: \$350.

Why we like it: Want to run with your jogger? Here's our top pick: super-lightweight aluminum frame and smooth glide make this one a winner. For serious runners . . . with serious cash!

On a budget?



Got just enough cash for one stroller set up? We recommend the Baby Trend Snap & Go (\$60) stroller frame—it holds most major brands of infant car seats.

Then after baby outgrows their infant seat, go for a Graco Mosaic stroller (\$100). Lightweight, feature-packed but under a \$100.



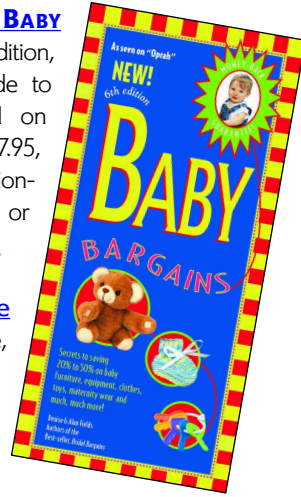
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