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### Editorial Review

#### From Publishers Weekly

When inquiring young minds want to know the answer to this burning question, it can be all too easy for a flustered adult to offer either too much or too little information. Royston dishes up just the right amount. Here the focus is not on the reproductive act but on how the baby duck/kitten/human grows inside the mother and emerges. The details will eventually need to be bolstered, of course, but what's provided in this picture book is suitable for those first inquisitive forays. Royston's matter-of-fact presentation ("An egg joins with a sperm inside the mother to make a tiny kitten") is informative, reassuring and discreet. While readers see a newborn kitten emerging from beneath the mother cat's tail, people in the photographs remain fully clothed?and a drawing of an unborn child in a fetal sac is superimposed on a casually dressed pregnant woman's belly?and readers are simply told that human babies are "pushed through a special passage between the mother's legs." DK's signature graphics work particularly well with this straightforward approach. Ages 3-up.

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#### From School Library Journal

PreSchool-Grade 1?Illustrated with excellent, bright, and dynamically arranged full-color photographs, all on full- or double-page spreads, this simple introduction to reproduction uses as examples a sunflower, ducks, cats, and humans. How the sperm reaches the egg in animals and humans is not discussed, but schematic drawings are superimposed on the photos to show the fetuses. The brief, clear text, easy enough for beginning readers, explains a bit about development and mentions that all the species, upon maturity, can become parents themselves. At the end, charming, lively multiethnic children are shown in growth stages from infant to adult. An eye-appealing and straightforward selection.?Patricia Pearl Dole, formerly at First Presbyterian School, Martinsville, VA

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#### From Kirkus Reviews

An outstanding introduction for preschoolers who are already starting to ask a lot of questions about reproduction. A brief text and stunning full-color photographs provide just enough information to satisfy young questioners. Royston (Rabbit, 1992, etc.) begins by stating that babies come from eggs, and then writes a simple study of plant development, using the sunflower as her example. Next she presents duck reproduction in very basic language: ``It takes a mother duck and a father duck to make a duckling. Inside the father duck there are tiny sperm. Inside the mother duck there are tiny eggs.'' The ducks and subsequent ducklings are displayed in full-color photographs, but eggs and sperm are drawn. For fetal development in both cats and humans, a drawing is superimposed on the photo of the mother to show the fetus in the womb. The human mother is shown with a fetus at 12 weeks, 24 weeks, 38 weeks, and finally holding a newborn. Royston concludes, ``Babies grow up into children. Children grow up into adults. Adults become mothers or fathers.'' Well, not always. But the point is made and the smiling people of different races and sizes in colorful clothes are especially appealing. (Picture book/nonfiction. 4-9) -- *Copyright ©1996, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.*

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