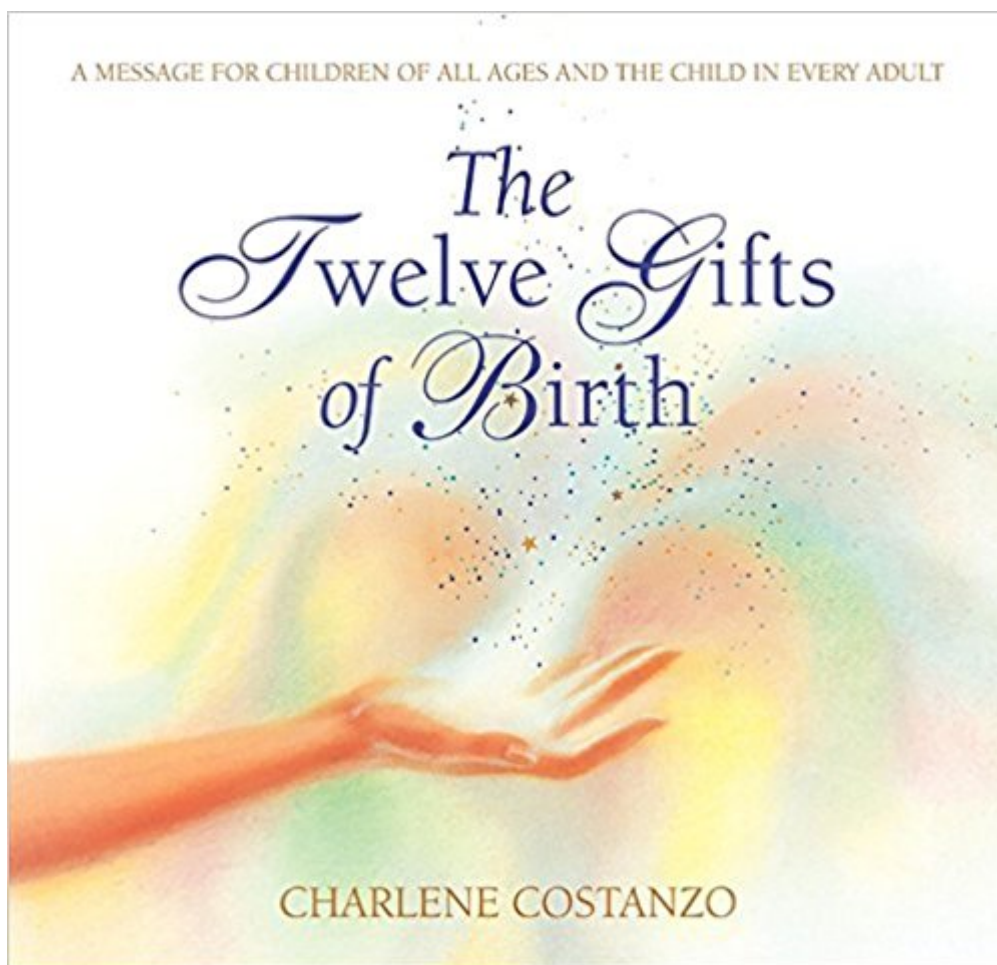


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# The Twelve Gifts Of Birth (Twelve Gifts Series)



## Synopsis

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A wonderful, inspirational, beautifully illustrated classic, *The Twelve Gifts of Birth* by Charlene Costanzo offers a message of love and hope for children of all ages and for the child in every adult. The recipient of numerous prizes and accolades including the 1999 Glyph Best Book Award  
•The *Twelve Gifts of Birth* is a gift to be cherished, ideal for giving on birthdays, baby showers, baptisms, first communions, confirmations, and, of course, Mother’s Day.

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## Customer Reviews

“Every home should have this book. Every family should read it often. New parents will treasure this message of hope and love.”  
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There is no more magical moment than when a newborn baby is laid in a mother’s arms. What was for many months a dream and a mystery is now a miraculous new person at the threshold of a life filled with possibilities. Through a tender, inspiring tale, *The Twelve Gifts of Birth* reveals the birthright inheritance that all children receive at this moment. Wise women, otherwise known as fairy godmothers, announce the twelve gifts in the form of blessings and show how to use them to enrich

one's life. This keepsake book encourages new parents to nurture and protect the wondrous qualities that have been bestowed on their tiny miracles. When shared with young children, this message helps form within them a strong foundation of values and self-respect. For teens and adults, this story offers healing and hope during times of diminished self-esteem and uncertain transition. It reminds all readers to see the dignity that is inherent in themselves and others.

Great gift before baby comes- I was lucky enough to receive this at a baby shower and started reading it outloud on a nightly basis. When my daughter was born we continued and although we no longer read it every night we revisit it often. Just reading this book calms my daughter and at age 8 she knows the gifts and loves the beautiful illustrations. This book serves as a reminder for children and adults alike what things in life are truly important and how their actions impact others. Must have for your family library. It's a beautiful hard cover book that isn't too heavy but made very well.

My granddaughter will love this book as she is read it over and over!!! found the book from a little 2 year old reading special words from the book at church. How special!

I am an 8th grade teacher, and I use this book at the beginning of the school year to teach students that we all have Twelve Gifts of Birth. After reading and discussing it, my students then make their own picture books that explain how the twelve gifts are represented in their own lives so each page has one of the gifts, a picture, and a short written explanation if how they see that gift in their own lives. At the end of their book, they must also include the gift they think is uniquely their own. When finished, students read theirs aloud to the class, and we keep them in the room on display. It's a great "Getting to Know You" activity with real-world authentic writing. Everything about this book is wonderful for children young and old. Not only does it have a wonderful message but Wendy Ackison's art work is stunning!

Have purchased this book time and time again to give as a gift to expectant moms at showers..or when a baby is born. it is a beautifully written book for the new little one to read when he/she gets older. i am also considering giving it as a gift for someone as they graduate from high school or college...it would be equally appropriate. illustrations are exquisite and the sentiments are inspiring. i have many copies on hand...as i think it always makes for a gift that will be cherished by the receiver for years to come.

i purchased this book years ago and at that time also bought a copy for myself. it is beautifully written and an inspiration for all, not just a new mom and dad. once again, i needed a shower gift for a dear friend, soon to be a mom, and knew the perfect present... charlene costanzo's book! i recommend this book to anyone who wants to smile and share tears in the same moment!! enjoy!

love this for a baby shower gift. I also gave it to my children when they left for college!

I really liked this book. The Twelve gifts are appropriate not only for children but adults also. I would like to see some scriptures relating to each of the gifts that could have reinforced the message. Beautifully published with nice pictures,

This is one of the most beautiful books. Both the sentiments and the exquisite illustrations are incredible. I love to give this as a baby shower gift.

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