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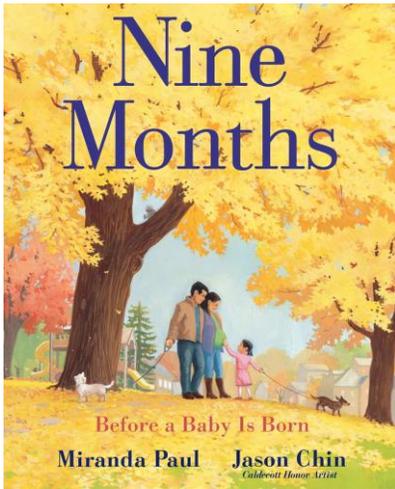
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**New from acclaimed author & Caldecott Medalist illustrator**

# **NINE MONTHS: BEFORE A BABY IS BORN**

by Miranda Paul; illustrated by Jason Chin



Join a family of three who spend nine whole months waiting, from a frosty winter through a sun-dappled summer, until finally . . . a baby is here. **In this pregnancy book unlike any other one out there, watch what’s actually happening through meticulously detailed, actual size illustrations, perfectly paired with a lyrical yet informative text, and culminating in a warm, joyful birth scene.**

A soon-to-be big sister and her parents prepare for the arrival of a new baby in the family. Alternating panels depict what the family is experiencing in tandem with how the baby is growing, spanning everything from receiving the news about the new baby to the excitement of its arrival.

**Complete with backmatter that includes an elaboration on pregnancy, a list of amazing things babies can do before they’re born, and more, Miranda Paul and Caldecott Honor Artist Jason Chin deliver another spectacular nonfiction picture book.**

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## **PRAISE FOR MIRANDA PAUL & JASON CHIN**

“Caldecott Honoree Chin’s detailed gouache and watercolor illustrations skillfully depict the changes in the fetus month to month... A fun and interesting addendum consists of four pages and is filled with facts about babies before they are born.”

—*Booklist*, **starred**, on *Nine Months*

“Children both young and old will be captivated by the details of fetal development and the story of a family preparing for and welcoming a new member.”—*Kirkus Reviews*, **starred**, on *Nine Months*

“Creative nonfiction at its best.” —*HuffPost* on *Water is Water*

“Paul’s spare, inviting text uses meaty, descriptive verbs, altogether reading like a lovingly constructed poem... Chin’s watercolor-and-gouache illustrations are beautifully crafted.” —*BookPage* on *Water is Water*

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**MIRANDA PAUL** is an award-winning author of children's books whose work includes *Water Is Water* (also illustrated by Jason Chin), *Are We Pears Yet* (illustrated by Carin Berger), and *One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia*. She lives in Wisconsin.

**JASON CHIN** is a celebrated author and illustrator of children's books. His book *Grand Canyon* was awarded a Caldecott Honor, a Sibert Honor, and the NCTE Orbis Pictus Award. His other acclaimed nonfiction titles—*Coral Reefs*, *Redwoods*, *Gravity*, and *Island: A Story of the Galapagos*—have received numerous starred reviews and other accolades. He lives in Vermont.

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