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## Hey Baby, It's Christmas by Corinne Fenton

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An attractive picture book to share with toddlers. It encapsulates the excitement of young children preparing for Christmas and wondering if it will ever come.

Colourful photographs of cute baby animals have instant appeal. Most of the animals are shown as nature intended, except for the last pages where the Christmas theme is highlighted by a rabbit wearing a Santa hat and a dog sporting reindeer antlers.

The brief storyline ensures each word is important and has impact. The text stands out crisp and clear on white pages with plenty of space. Large font size encourages word recognition for slightly older children. Key words are emphasised in bold type and invite interaction between reader and child, for example: 'hang on **tight**', '**count** the sleeps', '**whisper** your wishes', etc.

This festive, hardback publication follows the successful format of previous titles in the *Hey Baby* series. The book is a lovely introduction to the approaching Christmas season and adds to the anticipation.

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