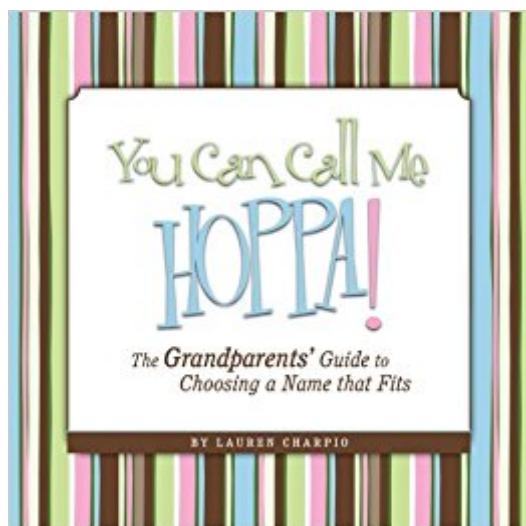


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# You Can Call Me Hoppa! The Grandparents' Guide To Choosing A Name That Fits



## Synopsis

You Can Call Me Hoppa! The Grandparents' Guide to Choosing a Name that Fits is a collection of grandparent names and stories designed to assist modern grandparents in finding the answer to the 'what to be called?' question. Think baby name book for Boomers! We hope that you enjoy perusing the pages of possibilities, whether you are a first-time grandparent, one who is relatively established or a step-grandparent. Most of us are given a name at birth and don't again get the opportunity to choose a name that truly represents who we are until we reach grandparenthood. The names and stories in this book include traditional titles, cultural appellations and names that are perfectly personal. But the most captivating collection of monikers is found in the Out of the Mouths of Babes section. The name that is right for you may not be contained within the pages of this book, but we hope that we can provide you with the inspiration you need to choose a name that fits!

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## Customer Reviews

You Can Call Me Hoppa!- Choosing a Grandparent Name About.com Rating - 4 stars By Susan Adcox, About.com The Bottom Line You Can Call Me Hoppa! is a fun book for grandparents-to-be. If you are looking for meaningful analysis of why we call grandparents the names we do, don't look here. If you just want a sampling of grandparent names, along with some touching stories about grandparents and grandchildren, this book is just the ticket. Attractively designed and printed, it would be perfect as a gift to announce, Guess what! You're going to be a grandparent! Any grandparent who has ever struggled with choosing a grandparent name will enjoy You Can Call Me

Hoppa! by Lauren Charpio. The book contains around three hundred grandparent names, but the main message is that grandparents should not feel restricted to the traditional names, but feel free to choose or develop a name that is uniquely their own. For example, one surfer grandfather opted for 'Grand-dude'. Of course, grandchildren sometimes have something to say about what they will call their grandparents. One grandfather who had decided to be called 'Pop Pop' ended up being called 'Bop Bop' won over in part by the cute little dance his granddaughter would do when she said it. One section deals with the names traditionally used by different cultures and nationalities. From the Hawaiian 'Tutu-wahini' for a grandfather to the German 'Grossmutter' for a grandmother, this section is rich in possibilities for those connected, however tenuously, to a particular culture. One new grandmother who used to be a French teacher chose the French term 'Memere' just because she was such a fan of the language. One more cool thing about this book is that a portion of the sales will go to the Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center, based in Phoenix. As the author points out, the fondest dream of many parents and grandparents of autistic children is to hear their name spoken by their child. --About.com - A New York Times Company, Grandparents Editor

Lauren Charpio is a working mother of two living in Phoenix, Arizona. After having spent many years focused on collecting degrees and building a career, one evening Lauren hopped aboard a Southwest airplane and met her now husband in row 15. Lauren became mom to bubbly Brooke in 2003 and Cooper the still-bald bruiser in 2006 - simultaneously creating two sets of doting first-time grandparents. Lauren and her family are blessed to have both sets of grandparents nearby. Gramme and Hoppa live a short trek north on a ranch populated by horses, ponies and dogs. And PawPaw and Gramma live minutes from the best play area and carousel in town!

I found this book while looking for a Christmas gift for my dad and stepmom that had SOMETHING to do with being grandparents. My husband and I just found out that we're expecting (after a year of trying) and since we're flying out to visit my family for the holidays the day after my first ultrasound, we thought it would be a great time to make the big announcement. However, I wanted to do something other than just say "I'm pregnant!" I just received the book today and HAD to read it myself. It was very cute, while not being overly "cutesy" ... and very fun, despite it being serious about the topic. There are many name suggestions in the book, but if none fit, the stories they tell about different origins of grandparent names really give you a good starting point to find something that fits the particular grandparent. Once I was able to see the book in person and read it, I realized that my in-laws would also love this book, especially my mother-in-law. They knew we were trying to

get pregnant, and she's mentioned at least once in the past year that she's been trying to think of good names for herself for when the time finally comes. I came back to .com today to order another copy for them. Both of my parents will be very young grandparents because they had me at a very young age, so I got my mom the book called "Funny, You Don't Look Like a Grandmother" because I thought she would get a kick out of it. After receiving that, I wish I just got another copy of "You Can Call Me Hoppa!" instead. I probably will still give her the grandmother book, but I think that I will buy her a copy of "You Can Call Me Hoppa" as well. The book itself is good size without being too long or too big. The colors and artwork are gender neutral and very pleasing. I was very happy to see that directly in the front cover, there is a box that says "This book is especially for:" and gives you a spot to write in names. So since I already have one copy and plan on purchasing another two copies, I would highly recommend this book as a gift for the expecting grandparent. However, it may not be the best choice for an expecting grandparent that already has grandkids, since they probably already have some kind of nickname. For our situation, this was absolutely perfect.

**PROS:** Well written, Informative/educational, Entertaining, Aesthetically pleasing, Great gift

**CONS:** Only for 1st time grandparents

My daughter told us she and her husband were expecting our first grandchild on Christmas Eve. So many of our friends and family have unique grandparent names which also helps the child distinguish between maternal and paternal grandparents. I was having difficulty trying to decide what I'd like to be called, at least until our grandchild is talking and starts to call me something that will stick, as so many do. I found it has some of the same information as articles you can find online about the same topic, but I'm glad I bought the book, regardless.

I purchased this book to give me some ideas of "alternative" names for my mother-in-law who did not want to be called "Grandma". This book lists different cultures common names for grandparents and gives some personal stories of how people came up with their own unique moniker. Overall it's a cute book that will help you to realize that you can go by any name or title that you want as a grandparent the most important part is that you have your grandchild to call you by that name.

This book is the **PERFECT** gift for "expecting" grandparents. It's logically organized by chapters of traditional names, foreign language names (including the likes of Cherokee and Cajun names), names that pop up unexpectedly and names that only children can come up with. The inside pages are formatted in a fun, colorful way (no dreary lists here!) with plenty of patterned pages and

charming anecdotes. It will totally inspire and entertain you.

I couldn't come up with a name for my new role as grandmother. This little book was fun to read. I've since found my name (Neene) and have passed it along to others.

Cute book, nice gift for grandparents-to-be

Fun book. Nicely organized and pretty too!

The baby-boom generation has impacted the American culture with every decade of their existence. Now that they are entering into the 'grandparenting phase' they seem to be as influential as ever. "You Can Call Me Hoppa!" by Lauren Charpio address the reluctance of a great many baby-boomer generation grandparents to be monikered with simply Grandpa and Grandma -- these being seen as relics of an older and more formal generation. For those seeking more individualized and 'boomer appropriate' handles by which to be called by the children of their children, "You Can Call Me Hoppa!" of alternatives drawn from additional sources than those offered by such traditional endearments as Grampy and Granny, Grandpapa and Nannie. Some of those sources are drawn from other languages and cultures ranging from the Arabic 'Sido' and 'Tae Tae, to the Cherokee 'Edudi' and 'Elisi', to Greek 'Pappous, to the Spanish 'Lito' and 'Lita". Other sources are baby-originated corruptions of grandparent names, slang names from our diverse subcultures, all laced throughout with fun and informative quotations throughout commenting on family oriented grandparent names. "You Can Call Me Hoppa!" is a unique and ideal source for alternative namings of grandparents -- as well as a fascinating overview of just how diverse such namings can be!

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