**Say What?**

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**Foreword**

It’s the moment you’re looking forward to as a parent or grandparent: the day your (grand) child speaks his or her very first word (pg. 3). This first word is the start sign for an adventure of language full with funny mistakes and slip of tongues, which move and amuse. For example, my oldest son said as a toddler octobus instead of octopus. That appealed to my imagination, and I put it in a drawing (pg. 6). I collected a lot of examples of slips at friends, relatives, acquaintances and friends. The idea of this book grew on me: a gathering for the baby talk of your own (grand) child, full with cheerful examples of other kids and some ‘tests’ " that can elicit funny sayings. A booklet that you can keep for eternity and occasionally can scroll through with a big smile. Or a wealth of words that you can give as a gift to your child when he or she is moving out.

A book that celebrates baby talk in all its scents and colours!

Cherish the small!