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“*Small Talk* is a must-read for parents keen to help their child express themselves from the get go. I can't recommend it enough.”

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“For many parents, the idea of talking to their newborn seems foreign, and even a waste of time. But Lathey, a children's speech and language therapist, said that mindset couldn't be further from the truth.”

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