**Synopsis**

A Native American tale of family love and forgiveness. Baby Rattlesnake wants a rattle like his older siblings have. His crying keeps the rattlesnake elders up all night so his parents give him a new rattle. Sure enough, he misuses his new rattle. When he tries to scare the chief’s daughter, she steps on his rattle and crushes it. Sad and defeated, he returns to his forgiving family who give him "big rattlesnake hugs."

**Book Information**

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**Customer Reviews**

Baby rattlesnake wants a rattle and won't stop crying until he gets it. Unfortunately he isn’t mature enough to use his rattle responsibly. Disaster ensues. Both parents and children will love this book. The illustrations are beautiful and all families will relate to the story. Its a great read aloud book and is available in both Spanish and English.

Even human babies have rattles. But when a baby rattlesnake doesn’t have one—that’s something to cry about. Baby Rattlesnake is a wonderful lesson story adapted by Lynn Moroney and based on a Native American tale. Mira Reisberg’s vibrant illustrations give the book the perfect ethnic feel to make the Southwestern setting come vividly alive.

Children of all ages love to read about reptiles. This book is recommended for multiple age groups,
especially the young emergent readers.