**Baby Boom (1987)**

J.C. Wiatt ([Diane Keaton](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diane_Keaton)) is a driven [Manhattan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manhattan) career woman (nicknamed the "Tiger Lady") typical of the 1980s whose fast-paced life leaves her with no time for romance or relaxation (or as the narrator in the beginning puts it she works "5 to 9".) , though she derives pleasure from her frantic schedule and demanding job. She works as a management consultant and lives with an investment banker ([Harold Ramis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harold_Ramis)), whose job and life are likewise hectic. Her life is thrown into turmoil when she inherits a toddler, Elizabeth (twins Kristina and Michelle Kennedy), from a deceased [cousin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cousin) whom she hadn't seen since 1954.

Caring for the child soon occupies much of her time and her business career begins to suffer, culminating in the loss of her boyfriend and job. Wiatt tries to give Elizabeth up for adoption but finds that she has grown too attached to the child, forcing a reevaluation of her priorities. She moves into a house in the country in [Vermont](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vermont). Purchasing the home without first having seen it in person or having it [inspected](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Home_inspection) she finds it is riddled with problems (failing plumbing and heating, lack of water, bad roof).

Suffering a [nervous breakdown](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nervous_breakdown) and on the brink of [financial collapse](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Financial_collapse), she sees an opportunity to sell [baby food](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baby_food) [applesauce](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Applesauce) she had concocted for Elizabeth from fresh ingredients. Amid the clamor for her new products she develops a relationship with local [veterinarian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Veterinarian) Jeff Cooper ([Sam Shepard](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sam_Shepard)). At first annoyed by him, she is opposed to Jeff's overtures and is focused now on as fast as possible to return to New York. Finding a buyer for the house proves almost impossible.

After a rough start she succeeds in selling "Country Baby", her gourmet baby food, and soon business is booming. Finally, her old boss ([Sam Wanamaker](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sam_Wanamaker)) and his client ([Pat Hingle](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pat_Hingle)) take notice. They offer to buy her company for millions, take her product nationwide, and give her back her career and high-prestige life. On the brink of accepting, she decides that she can grow her enterprise on her own without having to sacrifice her personal life. She returns to Vermont and the arms of her new lover and adopted daughter.

## **Cast**

* [Diane Keaton](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diane_Keaton) as J.C. Wiatt
* [Sam Shepard](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sam_Shepard) as Dr. Jeff Cooper
* [Harold Ramis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harold_Ramis) as Steven Buchner
* [Sam Wanamaker](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sam_Wanamaker) as Fritz Curtis
* [James Spader](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Spader) as Ken Arrenberg
* [Pat Hingle](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pat_Hingle) as Hughes Larrabee
* [Britt Leach](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Britt_Leach) as Verne Boone
* [Linda Ellerbee](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Linda_Ellerbee) as Narrator
* [Kim Sebastian](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Kim_Sebastian&action=edit&redlink=1) as Robin
* [Mary Gross](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Gross) as Charlotte Elkman
* [Kristina & Michelle Kennedy](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Kristina_%26_Michelle_Kennedy&action=edit&redlink=1) as Elizabeth

**Memorable quotes (with notes on difficult vocabulary)**

[Doctor Jeff Cooper](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0001731/?ref_=tt_trv_qu): You know... you kind of **remind** me of a bull terrier of some kind.

[J.C. Wiatt](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000473/?ref_=tt_trv_qu): Yeah, I bet you say that to all the girls.

**to remind sb of sth** = ricordare a qualcuno qualcosa

[J.C. Wiatt](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000473/?ref_=tt_trv_qu): Now look. There is nothing in the world to get uptight about. We are two summa cum laudes. We can handle one little baby for eight hours.

**uptight** = agitato, preoccupato; **summa cum laude** = laureate con lode

[Helga Von Haupt](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0319168/?ref_=tt_trv_qu): I think you should know from the start that I am a **full-charge nanny**. I don't argue and I do not like to be argued with.

**full-charge nanny =** tata che si occupa di tutto (ossia di tutti gli aspetti dell’allevamento e dell’educazione dei figli in una casa)

[Fritz Curtis](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0910737/?ref_=tt_trv_qu): [to an executive] This is Elizabeth. J.C. is taking care of her for a while.

[J.C. Wiatt](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000473/?ref_=tt_trv_qu): Well, Fritz, I'm actually keeping her a little longer than that.

[Fritz Curtis](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0910737/?ref_=tt_trv_qu): Oh? How long?

[J.C. Wiatt](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000473/?ref_=tt_trv_qu): [distracted] Oh, forever!

**to take care** = (qui) occuparsi

[J.C. Wiatt](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000473/?ref_=tt_trv_qu): ... And your sister's name in Wiesbaden - in case of an emergency - and her **prison record** if \*any.\*

[Helga Von Haupt](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0319168/?ref_=tt_trv_qu): Excuse me??

[J.C. Wiatt](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000473/?ref_=tt_trv_qu): Uh, oh, silly! I mean her \*address\* if you \*have\* it.

**prison record** = fedina penale; **if \*any.\*** = (qui) se ce l’ha

[J.C. Wiatt](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000473/?ref_=tt_trv_qu): [crying in Dr. Cooper's office] Sex? I can't even say the word... not that **I was ever really into it**, but... when you don't have any and there are no prospects, well, it's very upsetting!

**to be into something** = occuparsi assiduamente di qualcosa

[J.C. Wiatt](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000473/?ref_=tt_trv_qu): I have been **yepped and noped** **to death by you guys**, I have had it with whiskers and plaids. Look at me, I'm going nuts! I'm not prepared for wells that run dry, I just want to turn on the **faucet** to have water. I DON'T WANT TO KNOW where IT'S COMING FROM!!!

**I have been** **yepped and noped to death by you guys =** (espressione informale basata sul modo di dire sì – yep – e di dire no – nope – della gente del luogo) non avete fatto che dirmi di sì e di no fino alla nausea; **faucet** = rubinetto

[J.C. Wiatt](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000473/?ref_=tt_trv_qu): I fainted? really I did? I've never fainted before doctor. (DOCTOR) It's Ok if you want to talk about it...(JC) no.....I can't talk about it ! Oh doctor, you thought that I was pregnant!? **Fat chance!** But that's not why I'm crying...you see, I haven't had any....I haven't had any....sex.

**Fat chance!** = (informale) non c’è la minima possibilità!

[J.C. Wiatt](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000473/?ref_=tt_trv_qu): I just couldn't hand her to a woman that calls her husband sir, **it gave me the chills**, her life flashed before my eyes and then suddenly I saw her with frosty pink lipstick wearing a dairy queen uniform.

**it gave me the chills =** mi ha fatto venire I brividi

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