

Robert Downey Jr. and Wife Welcome a Baby Son



Robert Downey Jr. welcomed a son, Extton Elias Downey, into the world at 7:24am on Tuesday, Feb 7 in LA. Downey's wife, Susan, delivered her son at 7lbs 5oz. "Everyone is healthy and couldn't be happier," a friend said, according to [People](#).

The *Sherlock Holmes* star revealed the sex of the baby on national television back in August, which was unexpected for his wife. "I could never really stay mad at him, but I can tell you it genuinely wasn't something we planned to reveal," Susan later commented. The married couple is thrilled to have given Indio, Downey's 18 year-old son from his previous marriage, a little brother.

What are some reasons to keep the sex of your baby a secret?

Cupid's Advice:

Some people choose to keep the sex of their baby a secret.

Cupid has some possible reasons:

- 1. Avoiding expectations:** The sex of your baby can be accompanied by expectations. You avoid comments like, "Since it's a boy, he's going to be a handful."
- 2. Avoid the pressure of choosing a baby name:** Once everyone knows the sex, everyone will be jumping in to give you ideas for your child-to-be's name. Either that, or they'll be bugging you to find out what you've chosen.
- 3. Gender neutral gifts:** Getting gifts that aren't specifically for one gender or the other is actually a blessing if you plan on having more children in the future. If you end up with all pink baby clothes, you can't hand them down to a future little boy.

Do you think the sex of the baby should be kept a secret?

Share your opinions below.