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"I'm very anxious," says Simpson of her daughter's arrival. "But I also feel that creating a family is the best thing I've done in my life, so I take a lot of pride in this little girl."

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—JESSICA SIMPSON

loved *Charlotte's Web*, and pigs are my favorite animal," says Simpson, who moved the festivities from her backyard to inside Culver City's BookBindery because of a possible rainstorm. Celebrity event planner Mindy Weiss transformed the space into a carnival setting where guests like Jessica Alba, Odette Annable and Cacee Cobb relaxed on furniture from Rachel Ashwell Shabby Chic Couture and nibbled on corn dogs and deep-fried Twinkies as well as Simpson's southern faves like fried chicken and mac and cheese. "My favorite is fair food," says the mommy-to-be. But sadly, "I'm at the point where I'm eating more Tums than food."

Partygoers took part in shower games (guess the size of Jessica's belly!) and knitting lessons (each guest made a square for a baby quilt), until Simpson's fiancé, former NFL player Eric Johnson, 32, popped by to lend a hand with the gift-opening marathon. "Eric was sitting next to her, rubbing her belly and saying, 'I do good work!'" says Weiss. "They're so cute and very affectionate." Simpson expects Johnson to be just as sweet to their daughter. "Eric is going to be an unbelievable dad," she says. "I can't wait to see if he can master ponytails and braids!"

Now with the baby's lavender nursery complete ("It's very girly but not too frilly"), all that's left for Simpson to do is meet her daughter, whose name has been kept under wraps. "It's the cutest name ever," Simpson says. "It's very sentimental, too." But one thing she can't hide? "I can't wait to just hold her in my arms," says Simpson, "and to have a little best friend."

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