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The New Baby
Synopsis


Book Information

Lexile Measure: AD560L (What's this?)
Paperback: 24 pages
Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers; 1 edition (2001)
Language: English
ISBN-10: 0307119424
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Shipping Weight: 2.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)
Average Customer Review:  4.7 out of 5 stars Â— See all reviews (445 customer reviews)
Best Sellers Rank: #504 in Books (See Top 100 in Books)  #6 in Books > Children’s Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Family Life > New Baby
Age Range: 3 - 7 years
Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

When I was pregnant with my second child, I looked long and hard for good books to introduce to our 2 yr. old son the idea of a new baby arriving. I was surprised that, of all the ones I saw, this is far and away the best -- at least for the 2-4 yr. old crowd. This book helps them understand what to expect from a baby (for instance, not an instant playmate, and lots of crying) and what they can do with a baby (snuggle, give her a finger to grab, take her for a walk in the stroller). For an excellent book on reassuring your child that he or she won’t be losing out on Mommy’s love, try "On Mother’s Lap," by Ann Herbert Scott (wonderful illustrations, too). My son still enjoys these books, a year-and-a-half later.

My son is 16 months old and he loves this book! It has been so helpful in trying to prepare him for becoming a big brother. Even though he is young, we are able to tell him about what babies can and cannot do so he will be ready when his brother arrives. I think out of all the books we bought, we will be able to reinforce more about babies with this book than any of the others. I would definitely recommend it to anyone who needs to prepare a child for a new siblings arrival!
Do you have a new addition to the family coming, or already here? For young children this might be just the thing to help them know they are not alone in joining the ranks of big brother or big sister. My young daughter still reads this book several times a week, and her baby brother is now a year old! This book does not give any hints of sibling rivalry or jealousy, which I appreciated very much. It only introduces little critters new baby and begins answering the question, what can you do with a new baby?

I thought this book was very simple and easy for my 2 year old to understand. It addresses things big brother/sister can and can't do with the new baby. It lets the older child know that the baby will cry alot, sleep alot and do little else. I was pleased with the level on which the book was written.

My toddler loves Little Critter so I ordered this thinking it would help prepare him for his new sibling. I wish I had checked it out at the library first. The parents tell LC about the baby the day before she comes home (was Mrs Critter never pregnant?) and when she arrives she looks and acts like a 4+ month old baby, not a newborn infant. She also only gets a bottle, which may confuse your child if you breastfeed/fed. My son thought they were giving the baby a bottle of glue. I would look this over at the library or bookstore before purchasing it.

After looking at many different books to prepare my 2 year old daughter for a new brother, this was the best one! It didn’t get into where babies come from, but more about what a sibling can do with a new baby and what to expect.

We got this book for our 15 month old when we found out we were having another baby. He absolutely loves this book! He carries it around and even sleeps with it in his crib. Even though he’s really young, he is very careful with the thin pages. This book is great!

I grew up with the Little Critters. I have always loved them and still do, so I wanted to pass them onto my own children. Shortly before the birth of my second baby, my husband and I purchased this book for our older son to prepare him for the arrival of his little brother. We love how this book shows the older sibling wanting to do things he enjoys (play, eat, etc) with the new baby, but explains that the new baby cannot do those things. It helped our son to realize that he can't sneak things like ice cream to his baby brother and that he has to play gentle and not rough. Great book!