

**EF LOB** Too Small for Honey Cake by Gill Lobel  
*Little Fox isn't pleased that the new baby with the squished-in nose is in his old cradle, but what he really doesn't like is how Daddy Fox is too busy rocking the baby to pay any attention to Little Fox's block castle. When Daddy makes some honey cake, though, he needs Little Fox to help him eat the cake. Daddy assures his son that no baby will ever replace Little Fox. Ages 2-6.*

**EF MAR** I'd Rather Have An Iguana by Heidi Stetson Mario  
*"They say it's my baby, too. I'd rather have an iguana." Unimpressed by her baby brother, the young narrator resents the changes to her family and routine. When she sneaks into the baby's room and spends some time with him alone, though, her attitude begins to change. Ages 4-8*

**EF REI** My Baby & Me by Lynn Reiser  
*Illustrated with photos of a multicultural series of real sibling pairs, this short, simple book compares what babies and their older siblings can do in the confident, cheerful voice of an older sister or brother. "Now, little baby! What can we do? You hug me and I'll hug you! Ages 2-4*

**EF STU** How Do You Make A Baby Smile?  
 by Philemon Sturges  
*Each wild animal shows a different way to make a baby smile: "Grin like Papa Crocodile," "like Mama Elephant, wiggle your ear" "Sing like daddy robins do." At the end, a human baby is shown playing with stuffed animal versions of the animals of earlier pages as his sister tickles him, then tucks him (and his animal companions) into bed. Another great way to introduce children positive ideas about playing an active part in caring for the new baby. Ages 2-4*

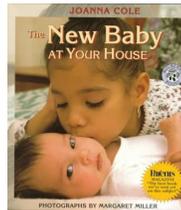
**EF SUL** Dear Baby: Letters From Your Big Brother  
 by Sarah Sullivan  
*Mike's a little nervous about being a big brother, so his parents recommend that he write his unborn sister a letter. Eventually, he puts all his letters into a scrapbook for his little sister, chronicling a somewhat rocky year as Mike learns to love his little sister and adjust to his new role. Ages 4-8*



## Books in the Parent-Teacher Collection to Read to Your Child

649.122 MUR What to Expect When the New Baby Comes Home by Heidi Murkoff

649.221 SEA What Baby Needs by William Sears, M.D., Martha Sears, R.N., and Christie Watts Kelly  
*This book explains the reasons for some of the intense attention that needs to be lavished on the new baby without suggesting resentment or anger on the part of older siblings.*



## Non-Fiction for Kids

E 305.232 LAS Love That Baby! A Book About Babies for New Brothers, Sisters, Cousins and Friends by Kathryn Lasky  
*A picture book primer on all things baby: how to quiet a crying baby, what babies do and why, and games to play with babies.*

E306.87 COL The New Baby At Your House by Joanna Cole  
*Photographs show children across a range of ages and racial backgrounds anticipating a new sibling's birth and interacting with the new baby. Cole shows that big brothers and sisters "feel lots of different ways," sometimes at the same time. The book stresses that there are benefits and annoyances to having a new baby in the family, but the older child will always be loved and unique.*

# That Baby's Not So New Any More

Books for older siblings who are no longer thrilled about the baby.



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## Picture Books

**EF ANH Sophie and the New Baby** by Laurence Anholt  
In a gentle story following the rhythm of the seasons, Sophie waits excitedly for the birth of her “winter baby” brother, but finds it difficult to adjust to the changes he brings. **Ages 3-6**

**EF ASH When I Was King** by Linda Ashman  
“Before you came, I owned the throne...I was the star, the prize, the king... But **you** have ruined **everything**.” This little boy hops, skips, sings, dances, spins and flips, but it’s the drooling new baby that the adoring parents and grandparents are clustered around now. When the baby chews on the little boy’s baseball mitt, big brother throws a major temper tantrum—and to his surprise, his mother treats him with sympathy. “She told me, ‘Baby’s very small. Really can’t do much at all. **But look at you!** Look how you’ve grown! There’s so much you can do alone!’” After a day of appreciation from the grown-ups, the young protagonist decides that “maybe I can share the throne.” **Ages 3-7**



**EF BAL I Used To Be The Baby** by Robin Ballard  
A preschool-aged boy talks without resentment about what it’s like to be the big brother, and how he helps mom with the baby. The book follows the daily family routine, showing a peaceful solution to each problem. Concludes with a picture of the boy on mom’s lap: “I am the big brother. But sometimes I like to be the baby too.” **Ages 2-5**

**EF BAR Kiki’s New Sister** by Jennifer Barrett  
Kiki, a dinosaur, has a new baby sister. “I like her,” Kiki said at first. The baby slept a lot and didn’t bother anyone... only sometimes she smelled.” But as the baby gets older, she stays awake longer and screams “for no reason.” Kiki asks her parents whether the family is going to keep the baby forever or take her back to the hospital. Kiki’s parents agree that, as a family, they’ll all decide what to do. First, though, Kiki has to spend more time with the baby before making such an important decision. After a day of helping to care for the baby, Kiki decides that they should keep the baby. **Ages 4-7**



**EF BUC Hey, Little Baby!** by Nola Buck  
There’s no evidence of sibling rivalry here, as an exuberant big sister brags to her baby brother in rhyming verse about all the wonderful things she can do that he can’t yet. The illustrations are as boisterous as the main character, and full of humorous details. As an exhausted-looking mother puts the little girl and her brother to bed, the narrator concludes “And when you get bigger, do you know what I’ll do? I’ll teach every one of these things to you.” **Ages 2-4**

**EF CAS Mama, Coming And Going** by Judith Caseley  
“After Jenna’s baby brother was born, Mama did some funny things.” Although she remembered bathtime, she forgot to turn off the water. Mama remembered to go grocery shopping, but she forgot to shut the trunk of the car. “I don’t know if I’m coming or going,” Mama said. This is a lovely book because the focus is on preschooler Jenna’s role as the big sister and her mama’s helper. **Ages 3-7**

**EF FIS My Big Brother and My Big Sister** by Valorie Fisher  
“Everyone makes a fuss over how big I am, but my brother is **REALLY** big.” told from a baby’s point-of-view and illustrated with baby’s-eye-view photographs, each simple book celebrates the relationship between an infant and an adored older sibling. **Ages 2-6**

**EF FLE Smile, Lily!** by Candace Fleming  
When baby Lily wakes up crying, mom, dad, grandma, grandpa and uncle all think they know what to do, but one by one, their good ideals fail to stop the baby’s crying. At last Brother takes his turn, and gets the baby to smile. **Ages 2-4**

**EF GRA Oscar’s Half Birthday** by Bob Graham  
“Today is Oscar’s birthday. Well, not really his birthday—he’s six months old. The truth is, no one can wait for his whole birthday...” Although baby Oscar is the one with his name in the title, the family unit is the star in this charmingly lively book, and big sister Millie (age 3) is by far the biggest personality. Mom and Dad are a funky biracial couple, their dog, Boris, is a dachshund-like mutt, and everyone is in a celebratory mood as they pack the stroller with a picnic and leave their city apartment for a picnic in the park, where a crowd of admiring passers-by stops to sing Happy birthday to the wobbly infant. At home, after bathtime, Millie plays with Oscar, then falls asleep on the couch as Mom and Dad dance in the living room. Through it all, Millie wears her dinosaur hand puppet and her coat hanger fairy wings. A beautiful portrait of a family with a baby having fun together. **Ages 2-5**

**EF GRE Shirley’s Wonderful Baby** by Valiska Gregory  
Shirley is so tired of adults calling everything her baby brother does “wonderful.” When Ms. Mump comes over to babysit, she spends time with Shirley and announces that she doesn’t like babies. Ms. Mump encourages Shirley to take care of the baby, slyly prompting Shirley to defend and admire the baby each time Ms. Mump declares his behavior “revolting.” By the time Shirley’s parents get home, Shirley’s enjoying her newfound responsibility and feels affectionately protective of her little brother. **Ages 3-6**

**EF HAR Hi, New Baby!** by Robie H. Harris  
A father tells about the meeting between his daughter and her new baby brother. The little girl is fascinated, but critical; the baby makes so much noise! He pees in a diaper and spits up! He doesn’t even have any teeth! The parents are patient, and when they let the big sister hold the baby, she seems to be won over. “I like the baby quiet,” [she] whispered.” **Ages 3-6**

**EF HEN Julius: The Baby of the World** by Kevin Henkes  
Lilly was a wonderful big sister before her brother was born, but now that he’s arrived, Lilly’s tired of everyone admiring the baby. What’s the big deal? But when a cousin criticizes baby Julius, Lilly fiercely defends him and forces the other girl to admit her mistake. **Ages 4-9**

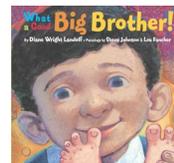
**EF HOB A Baby Sister For Frances** by Russell Hoban  
Frances’ parents don’t seem to pay as much attention to her now that she has a baby sister. So, Frances decides to run away—to underneath the dining room table. When she hears her parents talking about how much they miss her and all the things she can do that her baby sister can’t, Frances decides to come home. **Ages 4-8**

**EF JEN That New Animal** by Emily Jenkins  
FudgeFudge and Marshmallow are dogs, and they do not like that new animal, the baby. The dogs feel like they’re being ignored, and they don’t understand why. When grandpa comes to visit, though, they decide they may not like that new animal, but it is their new animal to defend. Gradually, they start to make friends with the newcomer. **Ages 3-6**



**EF JON How to be a Baby: by Me, the Big Sister** by Sally Lloyd-Jones  
A new big sister describes what it’s like to be a baby, mostly in terms of things she can do that her baby brother can’t. In a good natured, bossy tone, the narrator discusses the advantages and annoyances of being the big sister, as well as some of the advantages of being a baby. She concludes by looking forward to the time when her brother will be old enough for them to play together and laugh about how he was as a baby. **Ages 4-8**

**EF LAN What A Good Big Brother!** by Diane Wright Landolf  
“Cameron loved his new baby sister, Sadie. He loved to pat her head, and rub her tummy, and kiss her sweet little toes.” On each page, Sadie is wailing for a different reason, and each time, Cameron helps his parents as they change her diaper, put her to bed and feed her. The baby stops crying and his parents tell Cameron “What a good big brother!” At the end, though, Sadie is crying again and this time Cameron’s parents can’t figure out what to do. When Cameron pats his sister’s head and rubs her tummy, though, she not only quiets down, she gives her first smile. **Ages 2-5**



**EF LAY Love The Baby** by Steven Layne  
The day Mommy came home with the new baby, this little bunny was happy “...but not for long. Babies aren’t much fun. They can’t play marbles or soccer or animal safari. What babies mostly do is cry!” What’s more, everywhere the little bunny goes, grown-ups are admiring the baby and doing the things they used to do with him! “Help me love the baby!” they all say. The little bunny goes along, but he’s just pretending until the night he finds the baby crying. **Ages 3-7**