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Best-Ever Big Brother



Synopsis

Babies sure have a lot of growing up to do! They can't eat with a fork, sleep in a real bed, poop on a potty, ride a trike, or read a book. On every sweet lift-the-flap spread, Karen Katz's illustrations celebrate the varied accomplishments of older siblings who may be in need of a little ego-stroking after a new baby's arrival! Each book ends on a warm, loving note with the older child reassuring the baby that "one day you'll be big like me."

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I'm a BIG fan of Karen Katz books, but this one just falls a little short. The overall concept is good: explaining the differences between a big brother and a little sibling. But it has too many confusing concepts. It switches between using "little brother" and "little sister," which can be confusing for a child who only has one or the other. It also mentions how babies wear diapers and big brothers wear big boy underpants...but what about big siblings who aren't yet toilet-trained? It also says that babies drink from bottles, which can be confusing for a child whose sibling is exclusively breastfed and doesn't ever use bottles. Karen Katz has so many heart-warming and "teachable" books out there, but this one just doesn't make the mark.

This is a very sweet book for preparing a child for a new little brother or sister. It gives all kinds of comparisons showing your little one what he can do that his new sibling won't be able to.

However, it's only really appropriate for children of a specific age range. It expects that the "big

brother" will be potty trained, be able to read, be able to drink from a cup, talk, run, etc. For my 2 year old (not yet potty trained or reading) I worry it may actually confuse him (because he can't do the things the "big brother" is supposed to). For the right age, this would be a great book, but not for many ages.

My son loves this. After reading about three times, he'd already memorized a lot of it (which makes him even more enthusiastic about reading it). And, he has "learned" some things about babies in the process -- will tell us about big boy underwear and how babies drink milk and can't talk etc. Our second hasn't arrived yet, but this seems like a good book for helping prepare toddlers for becoming big siblings.

I thought this book would be a great way to explain to my 2 year old how to be a great big brother. But the messages in this book are definitely meant for older children (for example, it says that an older brother can read a whole book). A little disappointed that this isn't geared more towards younger children, since Karen Katz books are usually our favorite.

This book is fine. We bought it for our 18 mo son as we are expecting another baby soon and are trying to prepare him. I like the content of some of the other books more, but my son does enjoy lifting the flaps in this book. The pictures are cute too. He loves looking at babies and other toddlers.

I was disappointed that the baby was a girl...so this book did not work for my grandsons. And I hate bottle references for baby's when my grandchildren are breastfed. But it was a cute book other than that.

This is age appropriate for up to age 3 I would say. I bought it so my son wouldn't feel left out that his sister was getting a whole bunch of books to prepare her for the baby and all though it is very cute it really isn't age appropriate for him at 4, he is very bored by it. It is well written and well illustrated as most of her books just for a younger child.

This is good read for my 3 year old son. Preparing for baby sister it gets him in the things are gonna be different mindset. He loves the flaps. Some parts of it says "baby brother" and others say "baby sister" but we just read it "baby sister". Lol.

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