

BOOKS FOR SIBLINGS & NEW BABY

Brand-New Baby Blues (author Kathi Appelt) - A little girl has expresses her sadness and anger that her new baby brother has taken the spotlight and even wears her old PJs. In this rhyming narrative, she also realizes that there are good things about her brother. This is a great book to help toddlers and preschoolers relate some of their own feelings with that of the little girl. Recommended for ages 4 to 8.

Don't Wake the Baby (author Dawn Apperley) – Parents will relate to the scenario of having to constantly remind an older sibling to keep quiet so the baby isn't disturbed and children will understand Lily-Lu, a squirrel who is repeatedly scolded when her playing gets too noisy. And many will like the ending when the baby is hushed so as not to wake Lily-Lu. Appropriate for toddlers and older.

Mail Harry to the Moon (author Robie H. Harris) – This is a tongue-in-cheek approach to a boy's resentment of his baby brother, Harry, which reaches its peak when he suggests his parents mail Harry to the moon. When the boy believes his brother really was mailed to the moon and decides to "rescue" him, he resolves his issues with having a baby brother in a way that most kids will understand and the story and illustrations will also entertain. This book is ideal for preschoolers and older.

Principessa (authors Judith Ross Enderle and Stephanie Jacob Gordon) - Principessa is used to being the center of attention and smiling her best smile when her father takes all kinds of pictures of her every day but now her little brother is the one being photographed. She's upset and expresses it by making various faces when suddenly, her brother starts squealing and giggling and imitating her. His expressions amuse her, so she make more faces and he continues copying her. And then she smiled her best smile for the camera. A great book to help girls who are accustomed to being doted on when they're the firstborn adjust to the idea of being an older sister. Recommended for preschoolers and older.

I Wanna New Room (author Karen Kaufman Orloff) - a humorous narrative that takes the form of letters exchanged between, Alex, the oldest of three children and his parents. Alex continuously expresses his hardships - accompanied by funny illustrations - over being moved into his younger brother's bedroom so his baby sister can have her own room. Alex finally gets his own space with a tree house, thinking it's the answer to all his woes, but he quickly realizes it's not much fun playing by yourself and invites his younger brother to join him. Kids won't necessarily identify with every issue Alex has with his brother but they will enjoy the story and pictures and it will make parents chuckle. The ideal age is elementary school students but some preschoolers will be entertained and learn something.

The Younger Brother's Survival Guide (author Lisa Kopelke) - takes the unique perspective of the younger child. The younger brother offers humorous tips such as "Never run around the house in your underwear, just in case your sister locks you outside." The narrative's comical approach can help younger brothers and sisters cope with being the younger kid. Recommended for preschoolers and older.