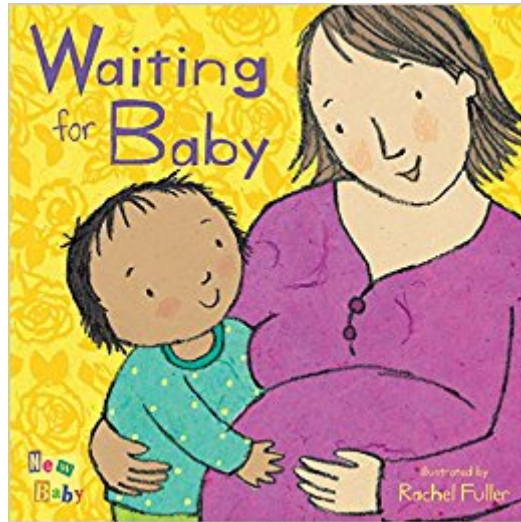




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# Waiting For Baby



## Synopsis

The arrival of a new sibling can be a confusing and frustrating time for a toddler. This book offers help to prepare them for the downfalls and delights of having a younger brother or sister.

## Book Information

Board book: 12 pages

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Age Range: 1 - 3 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

## Customer Reviews

A wonderful book to share with toddlers and young children. Waiting for the arrival of a new sibling can be an exciting and sometimes confusing time, but there is so much that needs to be done, and Mum needs some help. The pictures are colourful and the text offers questions that promote conversation, which allow the emotions of having a new baby to be explored. A lovely book to share one-to-one with your child - perfect for both early years settings and parents alike.--Debra Barton"Nursery Education Plus" (09/01/2009)

I ordered 3-4 "new baby" type books when our daughter was 19 months old. All such books seem to be rated for older children and receive mixed reviews, so it was difficult to evaluate them sight unseen. Since every child is unique and it can be difficult to predict even your own child's reactions, I figured I would aim wide and just see what stuck for her. After having them all around for a while and evaluating, this book wins the popularity contest so far. The other books all have more text and busier pictures than this one. Although I certainly greatly simplify the text in all of them as we read,

there's no other that comes close to holding my daughter's attention as well as "My New Baby". Its text is very simple - no more than 2 short sentences per page. As I saw she liked this book, I began to substitute my daughter's name in for references to the older sibling, which seems to enhance her interest. The book does not contain a story line. Instead, it is a collection of snapshots of daily life with a baby in the house: Lunch time, getting dressed, going for a walk, bed time, etc. I think this is one of the reasons that it's popular with my daughter. At her age it can be a challenge to sustain focus for a lengthy story. This book doesn't require that, yet allows her to be introduced to the idea of having a baby around her parents along with her, and how they might all do things together. If your child is 2 or under and you are expecting a new baby, I definitely recommend this book.

We bought this book for our 17 month old son, who will be 22 months old when his little brother is born. This is a great new baby book for this age group. My son chooses this book regularly, and wants us to read it over and over again. The simple text and bright illustrations are a great introduction to the idea that the family structure will be changing. I love that this book shows several illustrations where the new baby is at the breast. It helps that I look like the mom in the book! We use the pictures in the book to talk about our own family, and we call the child in the book (who is probably meant to be a little girl) by my son's name. We ask our son to point to each member of our family. At first, when we asked him to point to himself in the picture, he would point to the new baby. But now he identifies with the older child. This kind of basic understanding is just what I was hoping for.

We bought this for our two-year-old not long after we found out we were expecting another baby. Text is very simple - only a sentence or two per page, often phrased in the form of a question, which allows the parent to say more if desired. The toddler character is androgynous, so for us it is a little girl, but could work very well as a boy. Baby is fed by breastfeeding, which was the main appeal of this book for me, as most big sibling-type books depict bottle feeding. (This is not a commentary on bottle feeding - I promise I don't care how people feed their babies, I just wanted something that will depict what my daughter will see provided all goes as planned.) Co-sleeping is implied, although the baby sleeps in a bassinet. This is a board book. Our daughter asks for it a lot when we read for bedtime, and she is now able to point to pictures that resonate with her: "baby crying," "nursing", "eating snack," etc.) For more of a story, check out I'm A Big Sister or I'm A Big Brother, but this one is a great addition to your collection for your soon-to-be big sister or brother.

I purchased this book to give my four year old daughter when she comes to meet her new sibling at the hospital. I love this book because it is simple and relatable for toddlers and preschoolers. We've talked a lot about what will happen when the new baby arrives, but reading this book together will give us an extra excuse to cuddle and talk more once baby is here. I feel that this book is a great tool to help prepare children for new siblings and it also provides the opportunity for more in depth conversations.

The "story line" in this book would be geared toward about 18 months to 2 years. The sentences are choppy and simplistic. I bought it for my 3 year old and felt that it was too young, but have enjoyed "reading" the story to her and talking about the photos. I basically make up my own story so that it is interesting as I'd like her to see the photos of concepts not found in other books. I like that it incorporates baby wearing, nursing, etc. which I will be doing when baby #2 arrives. I also appreciate that it shows the differences between what she will be doing and what baby will be doing. She will continue to use the potty where baby will have to have diaper changes, etc.

Terribly lame book introducing your first born to the upcoming arrival of your second child. Extremely disappointed with this book, only offers a couple questions about the upcoming baby's arrival. Perhaps if you have an older child it would work for you and offer discussion points, but it's a disappointment and falls short of talking about "waiting for baby" to arrive.

It's a good size book, the illustrations are very cute however I HATE the story line. It's a whole bunch of random questions about the expectant baby. I would have preferred an actual short story, or something that brings attention to Pregnancy, and why things are changing, like why you have to be gentle around mom's belly, maybe a simple explanation for mom going away for a few hospital days, I don't know, something other than random unanswered questions. My son is two, and I'm disappointed in this book for him. I ordered him a coloring book called our new baby, and the storyline for that I like way better!

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