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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."

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Customer Reviews

Karen Katz lives in New York, New York.

This is a fun fun book. My 2yo requests this title be read over and over and over again. I don't mind reading it 5x in a row, unlike some other titles. It juxtaposes how a baby does things - eating with hands for example, versus how the big sister does the same thing - eating with a fork and spoon. You lift a flap to see how the big sister performs the activity. My daughter enjoys lifting the flap on every page and anticipating the answer. Simple book with lovely illustrations demonstrates the differences, to a small child, between what they can do and what baby can do. In my opinion, it helps the big sister develop a sense of pride in what she can do all by herself and in how she is the big kid. I also think that she enjoys reading a book where she is the subject. The book refers to "my little brother" and "my little sister" so it is appropriate for both sexes of little siblings. The only drawbacks that you might find - The book shows the Big Sister pooping in the potty and sleeping in a

big girl bed. While my daughter is not exactly doing these things yet - we are working on them. At first, I thought she might find this confusing, but instead I find her modeling the behavior, she says, "I poop in the potty!" even if she is not 100% there with the potty.

I love this author's books, however the "lift the flap" is more like "lift the page." Her other books are more fun for my toddler because there are smaller sections you can lift.

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.

This is a cute book to use as a prop for a new baby announcement. It has a large print from cover for photos. The text inside is good, keeps the little one's interest.

I bought this for big brother expecting a baby sister. I assumed the baby in the book would be genderless, just "baby". Some pages have a baby brother and others having a baby sister....very confusing for young children who are already confused.

This is a very cute book that encourages the older daughter to be proud of growing up. Thank goodness for that! It has been a help for me!

My grand daughter loves this book and can't wait for her baby brother to arrive!

I bought a number of books for my 2year old in preparation for our new baby, but this one has been the best. It's not dippy, drippy sentimental, and doesn't use euphemisms that sail over a 2 year old's head. Just a few simple, concret examples of what big sister can do that baby cannot in the areas of potty, dressing, eating, etc. I waited until the baby was 4 months old and for the big sister to master some of the examples in the book before breaking it out. It's been on the must read list every night and the big sister frequently just carries it around the house while engaged in other play. She is very

proud to be doing the things that big sisters can do. I think this is perfect for a 2-3 year age gap and could spread a little further. We've loved our other Katz books, as well. Our big sister has memorized each big sister task and we "read" it together which is even more fun.

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