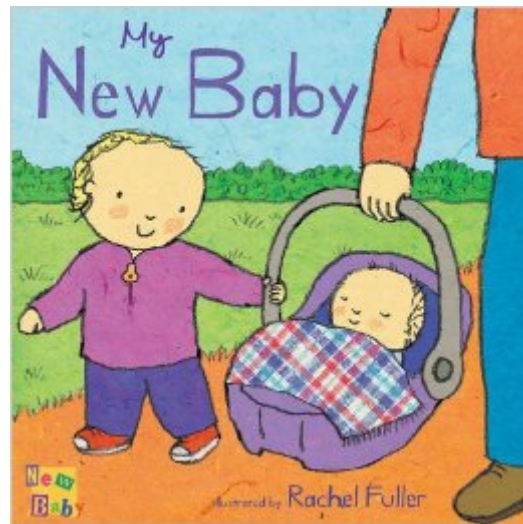


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# My New Baby



## Synopsis

There is so much to find out when a baby is born! What does it smell like, and when will it walk? When does it sleep, and what does it like to eat? A new addition to any family is exciting, but the experience can also be worrying and confusing for siblings. Coping with the new situations and emotions that arise can be very challenging. This series of four board books deals with the anticipation of waiting for the new baby, the excitement of the arrival itself, and the beginnings of the special relationship that develops between siblings. The simple conversational text and lively illustrations are carefully designed to encourage further dialogue between reader and child.

## Book Information

Series: New Baby

Board book: 12 pages

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Product Dimensions: 0.5 x 8 x 8 inches

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Age Range: 1 - 3 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

## Customer Reviews

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.

I bought this book for my grandson to help him get ready for his new baby sister. I loved that it did not make it seem like the baby would be competition but a new addition. It shows the mother breast feeding in a nice discreet way that seems very natural. It helped him prepare for extra time the baby would need but that he is still very important. I highly recommend this book for toddlers expecting a new sibling.

We got this book for our daughter who will be nearly 2 when the new baby arrives. I think the illustrations in this book are cute and I am especially pleased that the new baby is shown breastfeeding twice in the book. Also when they are out for a walk the baby is in an ergo type carrier, which is also neat. I mention breastfeeding because it seems that bottles are commonplace in other new baby books and aren't relevant to our lifestyle and I was specifically looking for a book that would show an infant nursing so that I can explain to my kiddo ahead of time that she'll have to share the breast. At first I thought they were cosleeping too, which would have been even more perfect for us (the first two pages they are all in one bed) but at the end of the book you can see that the baby sleeps in a crib and the toddler in his/her own bed. This isn't a criticism or anything, just mentioning it in case someone finds this info useful. The text goes well with the pictures, I think, but it's not really a story. In a way I think the pictures are better on their own, you can come up with your own story instead of what's written. The book seems to follow a day in the life of a family, first everyone is hanging out in the parent's bed, then they get dressed, visitors/gifts for baby and toddler, taking pictures, eating/nursing, reading/singing while baby naps, going for a walk, going potty/changing diaper/crying, taking a bath, going to bed.

My daughter, who will have a sibling in four months, makes me read her this book over and over. It's good for a two-year-old because there is more detail in the pictures than the words. I take my time with each page and let her point things out. She seems more interested in what the "big girl" is

doing (it could also be a boy if you wish) than what the baby is doing, for the most part, but since it's mostly about helping her understand her new role in the family, that's fine with me. One thing I like is that many of the pages end with a question, such as, "Is the baby hungry?" My daughter loves it when she "knows the answer" so this delights her and gives her a way to interact with the book. The text is very simplistic and isn't going to do much to advance a child's literacy, but I don't think that's the point of this book. I think the point is to introduce a child to some images about what life with a new baby will be like. My favorite thing in the book (and my reason for purchase) is that this is one of the few books that shows pictures of a mother breastfeeding. There are two pictures in which you can see the baby breastfeeding. It doesn't show detail, it just says the baby is eating and shows the baby's head against the mother's chest. It was very important to me that my daughter get acquainted with this image as I imagine she will find it very confusing (she was weaned at one year and probably doesn't remember that mama's breasts do that!). This way there is at least a little bit of preparation for the idea that "babies eat from their mamas."

My 18-month-old chooses this book to be read to him over and over. It has bright, clear pictures and fun text. Even my husband got a laugh out of it when he read it the first time.

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