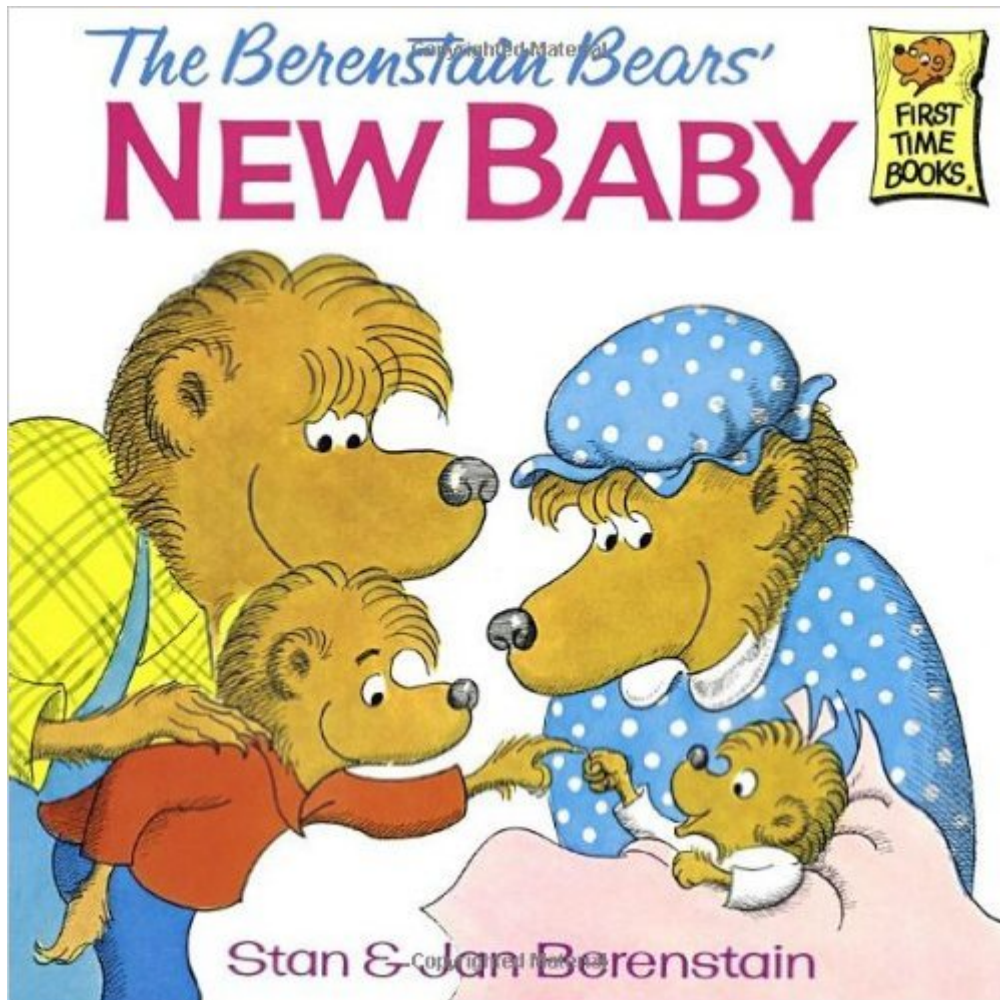


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# The Berenstain Bears' New Baby



## Synopsis

Illus. in full color. "This brightly illustrated story tells of a youngster's happy acceptance of a new addition to the family and how Mama and Papa Bear assist him with the adjustment."--Booklist.Â Â

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

Twenty-three years ago, my parents gave me this book to help me deal with the arrival of my baby brother. I read it over and over again, and it really helped me see that I was the big sister and that new things were waiting for me. I think the other reviewer missed the point about Brother Bear outgrowing his bed and giving it to Sister Bear. The authors were illustrating the exciting changes that were in store for Brother Bear and reinforcing that growing up and changing is a good thing. I will definitely read this to my children when I have them.

This is my first time reviewing a book on . Reading the negative reviews associated with Berenstain Bears' New Baby inspired me to do so. The negative reviews for this book all detail the "absurdity" and "offensive nature" of this book. People complain that the book left their child (and sibling-to-be) confused about the upcoming birth. One of the reviewers even asked "What universe is this book

from?" Yes, this book is written in another universe: it's written in a universe where bears wear overalls and moo moos! These people need to be reading something from "What to Expect When Mommy's Expecting and You Want Your Two-Year-Old To Experience The Miracle of Childbirth." This is a nice children's book, which has more to do with Small Bear adjusting to life as a big brother and not being an only-child (or an only-cub in this case). If the former is what you're looking for, I highly recommend "The Berenstain Bears Meet The Birds & The Bees." Relax and enjoy the book.

I grew up with the Berenstain Bears books and my daughter loves this book as well. The fact that the characters are bears doesn't confuse her and calling brother bear just small bear doesn't confuse her either. At the end of the book when sister bear is born I "change" the words of the book to call him brother bear so she gets the idea. This book seems more appropriate than the newer version with the birds and the bees. It doesn't go through a lot in regards to the changes that brother bear will endure after sister bear is born but it does go through a typical day in the life of small bear and how he doesn't notice how big mama bear has gotten. Papa bear takes small bear out to build a new bed and mama bear stays behind to deliver the new baby (which isn't mentioned, sister bear just appears in the last few pages). I like how it relates a lot of siblings in the sense of how the older child's "stuff" is passed down to the younger sibling. My daughter got a new bed and is now waiting the arrival of her baby brother so he can go in her old crib (just like in the story). It doesn't explain how to be gentle to the baby and how everything is going to change for small bear but I honestly like that because in most cases other than having a new baby in the house, the toddler isn't going to up and change his/her ways just because a baby is around. I still expect my daughter to run rampant in the house when her brother is sleeping and expect me to take her to the park in 100 degree weather with the baby (and we will)! Other books seem as though the older child's life has to get flipped upside down due to the birth of a baby while this book insinuates that brother will have a part in sister's life but his life will remain unchanged because his needs are still just as important as they were prior to his little sister being born.

I love this book! It is a genuine classic--one of the early Berenstain Bears books. It is cute and innocent and a very good way to introduce the idea of a new baby coming into the family for very young children. There may be more sophisticated books which would be better for older kids, but for younger children, this is perfect.

This book has been around at least 35 years. That's when I first bought it to introduce the concept of a new baby to my almost-two-year-old son. He loved the book, and he in turn loved his new baby sister from the moment he first held her. (He was the first one to hold her -- sitting in the rocking chair -- when she and Mommy came home from the hospital.) Our copy is long gone, so I bought a copy recently to give to my wife's daughter, who is pregnant with her second child. The book did the trick in our family, and I have every expectation it will do the trick in hers. "The trick"? Introduce a new baby and eliminate any and all first-born jealousies or bad feelings toward the new little "intruder." Get the first-born involved with age-appropriate caring for the little one, and build a sense of pride in the newborn. The book is a delightful story, which my almost-two-year-old loved hearing over and over again, even (maybe even more) after his little sister left "Mommy's tummy" and was home to stay. Thirty-five years later, my son and daughter are still "best friends." Do I give ALL the credit to the book? 'Course not. But that's where it all started.

perhaps i'm nostalgic about berenstain bears. i grew up reading them. and now that my son is three, i have purchased a bunch to help teach important lessons. they are awful. this one in particular. brother bear is too big for his bed. he and papa go into the woods to cut down a tree and make a new bed. papa ignores brother's questions. when they get home there is a new baby in brother's old bed. HUH?!? no talk about preparing for the baby. no talk about how to live with a new baby. you're too big for your bed. POOF! new baby gets old bed, isn't your new bed great? the end.

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