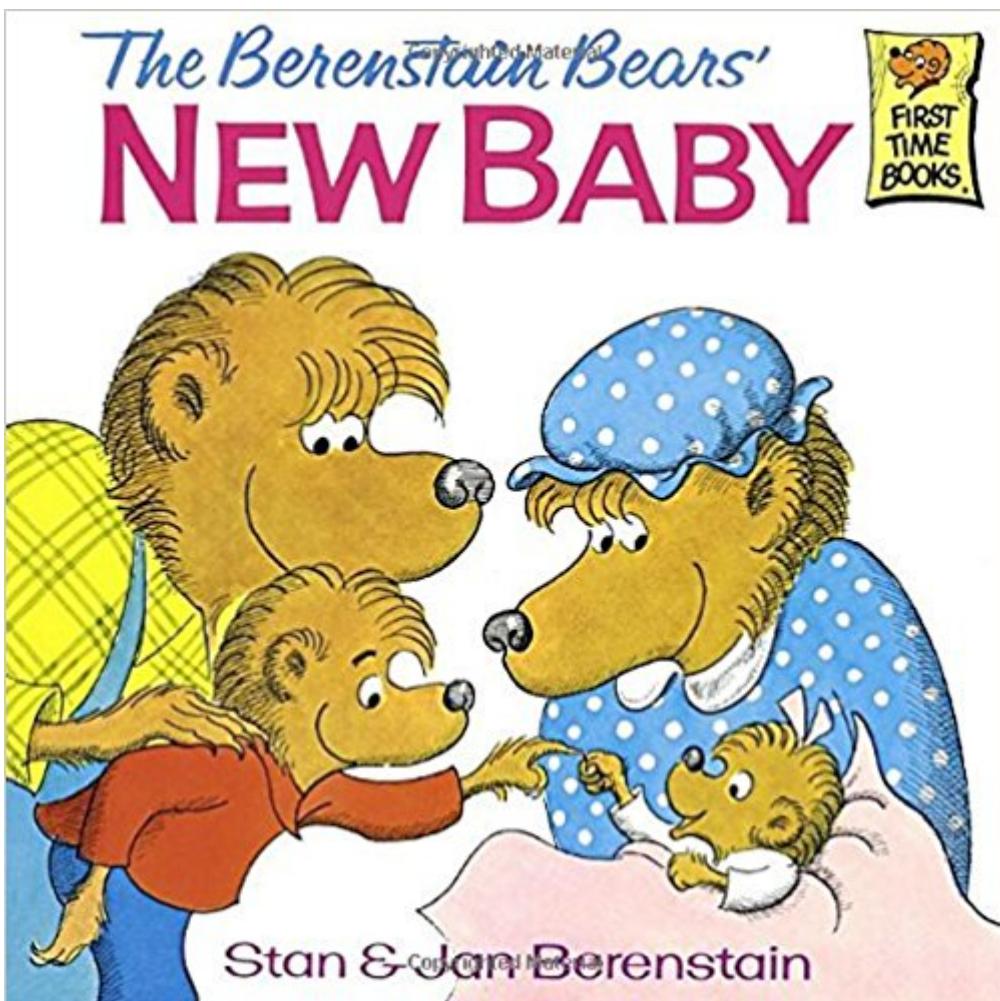


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The Berenstain Bears' New Baby



Synopsis

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Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

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Customer Reviews

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.

Stan and Jan Berenstain were already successful cartoonists for magazines and adult humor books when they began writing children's books. The first story starring the bear family, The Big Honey Hunt, appeared in 1962. Since then, more than 360 Berenstain Bears books have been published, and more than 300 million copies have been sold. What began as an idea sparked by their young sons' love of reading has become one of the best-selling children's book series ever.

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.

The only thing I don't particularly love about this book is that the parents don't tell little bear about the new baby. It's just mommies tummy is growing then pa bear takes our little bear to make a new bed for him because he has grown out of it and when he returns home mamma bear had the baby and then uses little bears old bed... with that said my daughter still likes it as we just had our little boy.

I love the Berenstain Bears. At one point as a kid, I owned every single book, including (I imagine) this one. I bought this book when I became pregnant with my second child in an attempt to help prepare my oldest to be a big sister. This story does not serve this purpose. I gave it 3 stars because it's a cute (albeit disturbing - Mama Bear gives birth to Sister Bear at home by herself in the few hours Papa and Brother are out in the woods?!) story, but hardly focuses on the "big brother" aspect. I think I read a review of this a while back that said, "This book would be more aptly named 'The Berenstain Bears New Bed,'" because that is a far more accurate title. It did not touch

at all upon the realities of having a new baby in the house, or the roles of an older sibling. I will always love the Berenstein Bears (and my daughter enjoys having this story read to her), but if you're looking for a book that will help ease your little one's transition to big sister-or brother-hood, this is not it.

Gave to my cousin who's having baby number 2. She's reading it to her daughter and it's a wonderful story and helping prepare her for a new baby brother

Bought for my three year old son who is going to be a big brother. The book doesn't really explain a lot about being a big brother, and it doesn't touch on any kind of changes when the baby gets home but my son loves the Berenstein bears so he liked it! Not an educational type of book to help them prepare but works to get them ready to share with a new baby & hopefully get excited.

My daughter loves the Berenstein Bear books. This one was no exception with the arrival of a new sibling.

We're expecting baby number two and are preparing our son with this book. He loves the bears and the story.

This was a childhood favourite of mine. I don't know how this book would affect other children, but my daughter loves it. I read it to her at 18 mo and she is now 3. We read it in preparation for her sibling's arrival. She wasn't scared by the suddenness of the pregnancy or birth, by the loss of the bed, or by the punch in the nose. We talked about all of that. She moved out of her crib and connected with brother bear because of that. I think the book is more about confidence as life changes rather than specifically about new babies.

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