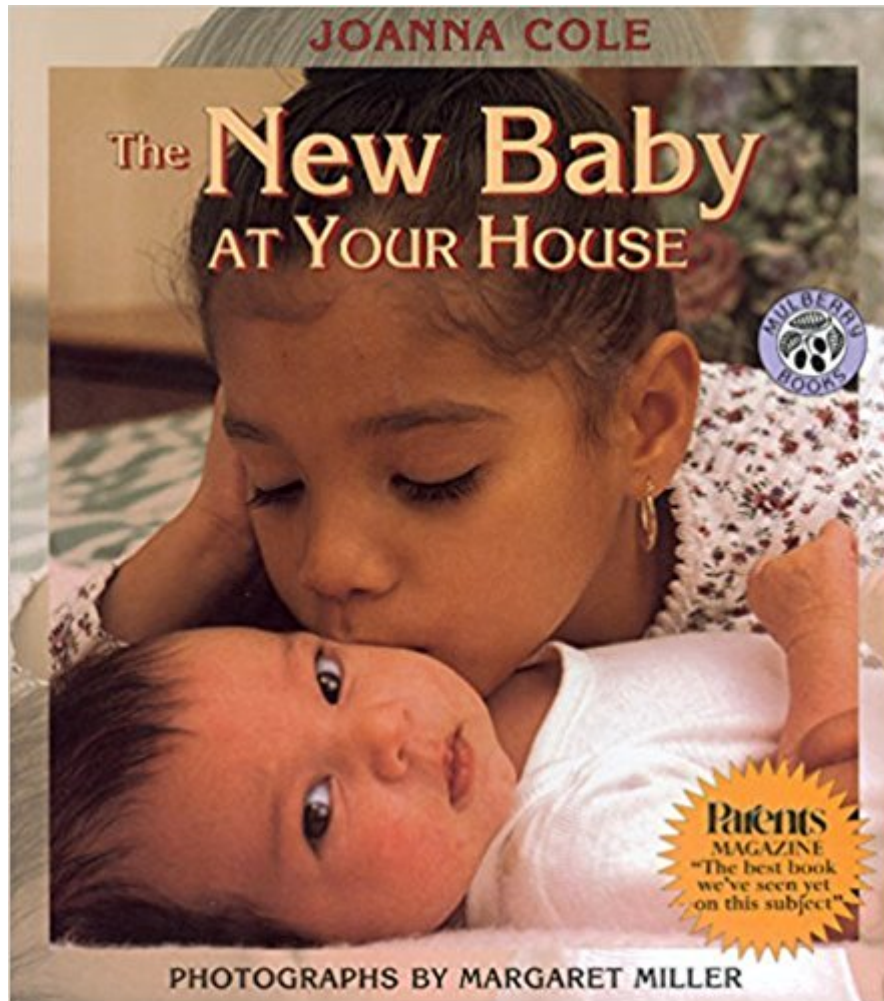




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# The New Baby At Your House



## Synopsis

It's natural for children to be concerned about the arrival of a new baby at their house. Most big brothers and sisters feel loving and tender one minute, angry or jealous the next. With over forty vivid full-color photographs and a clear, supportive text by award-winning author Joanna Cole, this revised edition of a much-loved classic will prepare children for the ups and downs of having a new baby in the house."Should help small children sort out and deal with the turbulent mixed feelings that assail them when a new baby comes home." --Benjamin Spock, MD., author of *Baby and Child Care*

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## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2?Originally published in 1985 (Morrow), *The New Baby at Your House* is better than ever. The book still presents an evenhanded discussion of the positive and negative feelings an older child may have toward a new sibling. It shows the infant's needs and abilities and briefly touches on changes that will occur as the baby grows. While the textual differences are slight, this new edition flows more smoothly and is more immediate, as in the opening pages where the text is written in the present tense rather than in the past. The biggest change is in the photographs. Full-color pictures are used throughout; some of them take over an entire page, or even a full

double-page spread. Coupled with a tighter, less blocky typeface, the overall design and presentation are more accessible and generate a greater ability for children to respond emotionally to the book. Miller captures many intimate and touching moments with her pictures and shows a wide range of feelings as demanded by the text. There is a good balance of families from varied ethnic backgrounds. As in the previous edition, this book opens with a clear and precise note to parents that gives honest, practical advice on helping youngsters prepare for and cope with a new arrival. ?Martha Topol, Traverse Area District Library, Traverse City, MI Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Ages 3<sup>+</sup>-6. Miller provides appealing new photographs for this revision of a book that parents and children have shared for more than a decade. Because Cole's explanation of what happens when a new baby arrives and her portrayal of older siblings' feelings are written on a child's level and without condescension, her book remains an enduring guide for families. Her casual, reassuring tone adds to the appeal, as do the photographs, which show an ethnically diverse roundup of siblings and parents in true-to-life positive and negative interactions. The introductory note for parents is thoughtfully conceived, offering sound advice on preparing older children before the new baby's arrival and helping them adjust after the baby comes home. An excellent choice for libraries that don't have the first book as well as those ready for a second copy. Shelley Townsend-Hudson --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Real photos of lots of different families with new babies, different ages of older siblings are included. New babies growing into older babies are shown, too. Some references to the birth process (parents go away to the hospital) are included, nothing specific. Depicts breast and bottle feeding. Almost good as Roslyn Banish's "Let Me Tell You About My Baby." Both of these books (LMTYAMB and this one) include the downsides of a new sibling, like having a baby cry all the time, need tons of attention, mess with your toys, etc. Like LMTYAMB, this one keeps even very young toddlers' interest, despite its length and number of words, because of how much kids this age love photos of babies and kids. These two are better than any of the cartoony board books that are more recent additions in the category of "toddler and preschooler literature re: the impending destruction of your current lifestyle."

We're expecting our second baby, due right when our oldest son turns two and a half. Without really knowing how best to talk with him about the HUGE changes coming up, we bought a bunch of new

baby/big brother books to read with him, hoping to benefit from the authors' informed choices about helpful things for older siblings to know. This book is one of the best we've purchased. At first glance, it seemed a little "texty" for my two-year-old. We started out by just talking about all the pictures with him because we thought that would be the best way for him to understand. But really, he doesn't need any help from us to understand this excellent book, even when we just read it word for word. He wants to hear it again and again. I think it's amazing that this author could write a book that is relevant to so many age levels -- as great as it's been for my two-year-old, I know it would be a winner for a preschool-aged kid, too. And the pictures! The pictures are amazing. The clothes look a little dated at this point, but that doesn't matter a bit to us. There are so many big, colorful, detailed pictures of real babies, siblings, and parents. My son has stared at these pictures so many times, talking about them, imitating them, asking us questions about what's happening. Another excellent and important aspect of this book: the people photographed are truly a diverse group. All in all, I am so thankful for this book. I've felt apprehensive -- and even a little guilty -- about the fact that we're going to be springing a huge set of changes on a little boy who can't possibly understand in advance the full extent of what's about to happen. This book eased my anxieties in so many ways. While of course there's no way to fully communicate to my son all that will be happening and no way to predict exactly what will be most helpful for him, this book speaks to him in language he can understand about what it's really like to have a new baby around. His intense interest in and reading of this book means I no longer feel like we'll be "springing" a baby sister on him without doing what we could to help him understand what to expect. And I think the book will continue to be extremely helpful once our new little one arrives! I would highly recommend this to any family expecting a new sibling.

My 4 year old loved it so much that I have bought it many times as gifts for other older siblings-to-be. The real images of different types of families are important, I think children connect to it more than to the illustrated images in other books. Some of the pictures appear a little dated (70's, early 80's), but the concepts shown are timeless. I love that they have all baby and all parent types shown (I would welcome an update for more modern looking couples and wouldn't be opposed to adding some same sex couple families).

I purchased several books to help prepare my than 3 year old daughter for the arrival of her baby brother. This is my favorite primarily due to the beautiful photos. Specific positives:- Racially diverse families are shown (white, black, hispanic, asian)- The older siblings are a variety of ages(young

toddler through early elementary)- Multiple stages are highlighted (pre-arrival, arrival including a visit to the hospital, and post arrival up to the baby being about 18 months old)- The conflicting emotions of having a sibling are shown- Both breast and bottle-feeding are shownMy daughter enjoys seeing the pictures of other kids with their babies. It helps that the names of 2 of the children match her and her brother's names. There is a lot of text in this book, so it may be too long for a child with a short attention span. However, the pictures are good conversation starters. The text provided me language to use with my daughter to discuss our new baby.

Like other reviewers, I bought this book along with several others. My son, who was 2 at the time, did not seem interested in this book despite the color photos and kid-friendly dialogue. I think it is because the photos/story continuity. When I read to my son, especially when he was younger, I point out the characters as I read their names to engage him more in the story. The photos are taken at different times in the families' lives and so it can be hard to tell which children go with which family. This is difficult because the story alternates between telling about the families and just random facts about babies.Pluses are: there is good information in the front of the book for parents with a list of other books to reference, ethnic diversity is nice- (photos depict Asian, Hispanic, African-American, and Caucasian families), picture of breastfeeding mom is a good touch too.Also- There is the standard Mom-packs-bag-for-hospital scene, but since homebirth in America is about 1-2% of the population, I am not bothered even though I had a homebirth.

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