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Big Sister, Little Sister

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Synopsis

The Big one gets new clothes. The Little one gets hand-me-downs. The Big one does everything first. The Little one is always catching up. But the little one can do some things well, and can even teach the older one a thing or two. Big sisters and little sisters alike will agree: this is a sassy and touching celebration of sisterhood for all ages.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

We ended up owning this book after we were forced to buy it from the library when my second daughter destroyed some of the pages. Initially I was annoyed, but it quickly became everyone’s favorite book (despite the ripped pages). The book really captures the essence of the little/big sister relationship. Now that my second daughter is the BIG sister she likes it even more. She can relate to both the big and little sister aspects of it, while my eldest and youngest daughters also enjoy seeing themselves through Pham's characters. Pham’s illustrations really capture the personalities of the sisters in the book and the nuances in their relationship. The text is short enough for younger children and engaging enough for older ones. My oldest enjoyed this book when she became a big sister at age 2. I would say this is engaging and entertaining for children ages 18 months to around 5 or 6 (when read with a little sister). Highly recommended.
I have been searching for books for sisters for my two young daughters (aged 1.5 & 4.5). This book is told from the little sister's perspective which is original and I liked. There are some parts where I didn't like the messaging "The big sister gets all the new clothes, I'm the little sister. I get all her old clothes." It also talks about the big sister wearing lipstick which I wasn't thrilled about. However, there are good things like when the book says that the big sister is good at a lot of things and so is the little sister. The book also has the big sister looking out for the little sister (wiping her nose, holding her hand at the road, covering her eyes when two people are kissing on TV and scolding her for climbing a fence). In the end, it was the last page that killed it for me because I'm trying to help my girls be less competitive, not more - "My sister is very good at being a big sister, but I'll always be better than her at being a little sister." This is a cute book but just not the right fit for us.

The illustrations are great. The girls are so expressive. Maybe I like it also because they remind me of my 2 daughters who aren't always the best of friends but the respect is there and that shows in this book too.

My girls love to argue at times. Maybe it's the age gap - maybe its just what girls do. So I bought this book to read to them at bedtime. The illustrations were amazing and the story line was precious! We read it and pointed out the differences in what the big and little sister did - and the similarities of how my girls could relate. It was hilarious. We laughed and laughed and of course read it again! The story on the back cover about the author was so neat! We plan to visit her website soon! You can't go wrong with this book.

I have several of LeUyen's books and they are ALL so well done and heartfelt. She really tugs at your heart strings with her illustrations and well-expressed sentiments. Really emphasizes how important it is to SAY those things that your heart is feeling toward your friends and family members. Thanks for a precious book.

I am 24 years old and have a sister who is 10 years old. I bought this book for her on her 10th birthday and we loved reading it together. From beginning to end this book expresses the love between sisters and sibling rivalry! Even with such a large age gap my little sister refuses to surrender to the idea that she just isn't allowed to do the same things as me. This is a book for all ages and is a wonderful keepsake for any sister out there. The illustrations display the unique personalities of each character and make the book even more enjoyable. I am a teacher and I use
this book in my classroom. This is only one of the many books I read to my students about family. The kids absolutely love it because it relates to their own lives. When we are done reading and discussing the book the class creates a survival guide for having a sibling. The kids find it fun and useful for getting out of any sticky situation they may get into with their own brother or sister.

We have a 2.5 year old and a 6 month old who is already crawling and taking big sisters toys. I thank this book for really helping to create a positive view of the baby in her big sister’s eyes. And it helps the toddler to create a positive view of herself as the big sister, too. The words are exactly right, the illustrations are wonderful, the theme is light-hearted and fun but still resonates, and the color scheme is really appealing. It is my first choice, and my daughter’s first choice, for storytime every day since we got it a month ago. How often does that happen? I hope the author (and illustrator) get moving on some new books!

This is a wonderful book. Charmingly written, adorably illustrated. Very simple language, so it is meant for a younger child, but my daughter received it last christmas as a first grader, and it is still one of her favorites as she can completely relate to being the "little sister".

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