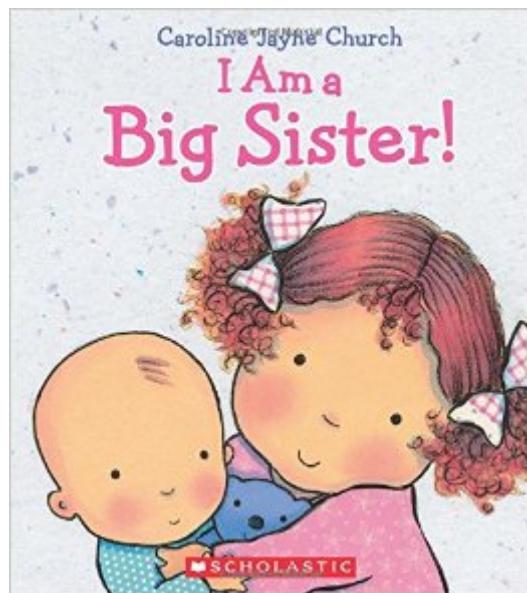


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# I Am A Big Sister



## **Synopsis**

Share the joys of becoming a big sister! With the arrival of a new baby comes many transitions, and big sisters may need a little extra tender loving care to adjust to a new family situation. This sweet story with adorable toddler illustrations by Caroline Jayne Church is just right to share with and prepare an older sister getting ready for an expanding family.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 2 - 4 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

## **Customer Reviews**

This was one of several "big sister" type of books we bought for our toddler when we started introducing our daughter to the concept of having another baby in the house. The story is simple enough for an under 2 year old to grasp, the illustrations are clear, and the general message is that a big sister can take a helpful and active role in caring for and playing with the new sibling. We generally hold Caroline Jayne Church's board books in high regard at our house, and this book is one of the ones our now 22 month old picks frequently out of the shelf to read with me. From a parent's point of view, it's not awful, it's not the best ever board book on the subject we've ever seen, as the book - and most of its kind - starts from the baby already being here, when introducing the concept of "don't jump on Mommy's tummy, it hurts" to a rowdy toddler is still a priority. Note to the "Crunchy" crowd: Our absolute favorite big sibling board books are from Rachel Fuller's "New

Baby" set (a total of 4 books, we currently have 2; "Waiting for Baby" and "My New Baby"), as they are better aligned with our "crunchy" parenting style, "My New Baby" includes breastfeeding and babywearing in a tasteful way that treats nursing as normal, and the mom in the pictures doesn't "whip it out", as some breastfeeding critics might say. I also appreciate that Fuller's "Waiting for Baby" incorporates going to prenatal appointments and ultrasounds with Mom, and toddler and Dad fixing up dinner while tired, heavily pregnant Mom is resting, an all too common sight at our house since I've had numerous health issues throughout my pregnancy, and require frequent rest, so Daddy being shown participating in the preparation for baby is greatly appreciated.

We gave this to our 22 month old daughter when her baby sister was born; she loves seeing the children in the book interacting the way she does with her own sister; after reading each page she will chime in "Like I do!!!" Its a good reminder to her that she is a big girl - not the baby anymore, and that there are many ways she can help and love on her little sister (getting clean diapers & throwing dirty ones in the bin, tickling the baby, helping wash the baby, singing to the baby, etc). I especially love the page about being quiet when the baby sleeps! We own several Caroline Jayne Church books - I love the cute illustrations and the short, simple stories...but this one has become one of my daughter's favorites because it's so relatable for her! I will be purchasing this for anyone I know whose toddler aged daughter becomes a "big sister".

Adorable book! My husband and I just found out we are expecting, and bought a few books for my daughter (2 years old) she loves this one and is excited to be a big sister! We even used this one for our announcement! :)

We purchased this book shortly before the birth of our second child as a gift from the baby to his big sister. We already had two other books by Caroline Jayne Church: "I love you through and through" and "How do I love you." and house hold favorites. Our daughter (age 2 1/2) was thrilled to get this when she visited in the hospital. We read it to her once through there and then she sat down and "read" it out loud by herself. As the pictures are very bold and clear it makes the story easy to follow even for a pre-reader. Now five months later she still loves this book and is eager to lend a hand to care for her little brother proudly proclaiming: "I'm a big helper!" (Yes we also watched the baby Margaret episodes of Daniel Tiger to get her ready for baby.) The last few pages show the baby growing into a cute little boy/toddler and playing together with his big sister. I would recommend this for any big-sister-to-be as, unlike other big sister stories, the pictures are beautiful.

This is such an adorable book that our daughter loves. She was already excited to have a baby sister but we feel like this book helped her feel pride in helping out and being patient with our new baby. For the first week whenever we would ask her to help our daughter would run out and grab the book, find the page with the activity (like throwing away diapers) and tell us she wanted to "find it in the instructions" to make sure she was doing it correctly. Precious!

This is SUCH a cute book. I gave it as a gift to an expecting mom with a 2 year old daughter (the big sister). It is generic enough that it applies whether the new sibling will be a boy or girl. I don't like books that have the older sibling saying "my baby" throughout, and this one did not, so that was a pro for me. I bought two books, this one and I'm a Big Sister by Joanna Cole. I thought this one was wayyyy cuter (the illustrations were cuter and I liked the cadence more) and would be great for any toddler. Since I had both, though, this one was more appropriate for the 2 year old big sister I gave it to, while the other one was a little more appropriate for the older big sister. The other one went into a little bit more about the details of being a big sister than this one. In the future, I will probably buy this one for any age toddler because it's just too darn cute, but I was happy with both and the content/style is comparable.

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