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Big Sister, Little Sister



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.

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Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2
An impish child laments: I'm the Little Sister. I'm always catching up. She relates such indignities as wearing hand-me-downs and having to go to bed at 7:30. Her poised, freckle-faced sibling plays the piano, balances a book on her head, and thinks she's always right. The relationship does have its perks: The Big Sister tells all the good stories! and she watches out for me. Japanese brush pen-and-ink illustrations with splashes of digitally produced red, pink, and brown show big sis leading the way on a nighttime trip to the bathroom, covering her young charge's eyes from smooching scenes on TV, and performing an impromptu sock-puppet show. Readers will be charmed by the little girl's simply stated truths, and the expressive drawings capture petulant frowns, looks of concentration (with tongue sticking out), and satisfied grins. With warmth and good humor, the ups and downs of sisterly love are perfectly conveyed.
Linda Ludke,
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PreS-Gr. 2. The illustrator of Eve Bunting's Little Badger books (and others) debuts as author in a charming appreciation of the special bond between sisters. Pham writes from the younger child's perspective about hand-me-downs, activities in which big sis invariably calls the shots, and other sibling bugaboos ("I'm the Little Sister. I'm always catching up"). But at times, of course, Big Sister is a big help, as when the nighttime route to the bathroom proves too terrifying to brave alone. Pham's medium is ink applied with a Japanese brush pen, conferring a sprightly, spontaneous look to her figures, which are reminiscent of David Small's work; digitally added color in yummy hues of strawberry, caramel, and chocolate belies the sweetness underlying even moments of tension. The text never rises much above greeting card sentiment, but one can easily imagine big and little sisters--grown-ups and children--giggling together over its many tender truths. Jennifer Mattson

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A friend of ours gave us this after we had our second daughter. Not only is it beautifully illustrated but it captures the dynamics of little and big sister relationships perfectly. I still enjoy reading this and buy it for tiny sisters whenever the chance arises. A special book to be kept through adulthood!

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!

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 ofcourse 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.

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".

I loved this book - and the illustrations. I gave it to my boss who just had her second daughter, but I have two children of my own (grown up now) and I am both a big sister and a little sister...what I really loved about this book (besides everything) is that it has a great perspective for the LITTLE sister. The illustrations are absolutely delightful. I heartily recommend this book for any family with sisters.

This is from the little sis' point of view, though I bought it for a big sis. It's so so cute & we are huge fans of all LeUyen Pham's work.

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.

Cute little story. My granddaughters love the book.

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