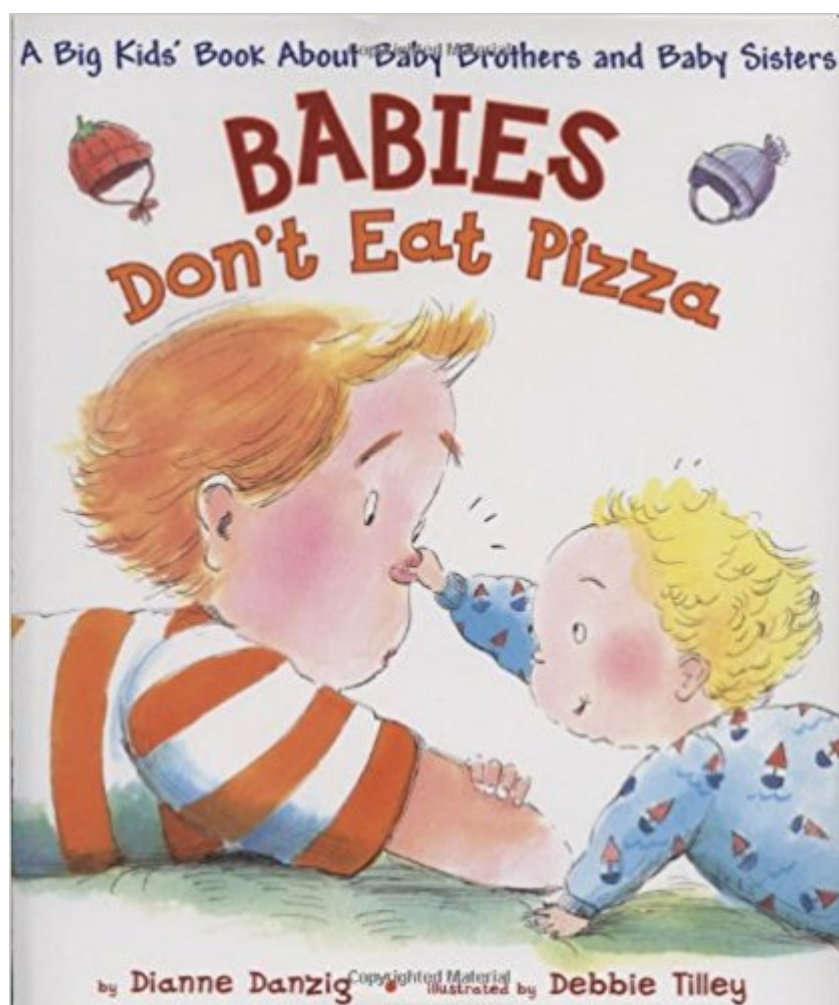


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# Babies Don't Eat Pizza: A Big Kids' Book About Baby Brothers And Baby Sisters



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2 **A** • A straightforward, reassuring book aimed at children awaiting the arrival of a new baby in the family. Organized into logical sections **from** babies' development in the womb to the hospital to what infants look like **the** accessible text offers sound, comforting detail. A wonderful spread of "Your Basic Baby" points out everything from "wacky hair" to hospital bracelets. Several pages cover how infants fit into a family's life, explaining what they eat and do and how older siblings can interact with them. There are many self-affirming phrases like,

"You can be a big sister or big brother. That's important. Stand up, take a bow! Hooray for you!" The final page gives expectant parents tips on how to deal with potential sibling rivalry. The charming watercolor illustrations show all kinds of families caring for and getting to know their newcomers. Though many quality books on this subject are available, Danzig's offering will bring comfort to expectant parents and siblings alike.

—Jane Marino, Bronxville Public Library, NY

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While Danzig, an R.N. who has led sibling preparation classes for two decades, and Tilley's (Growing Up: It's a Girl Thing) seek a spot on a very crowded bookshelf, their practical, straightforward approach merits a look. Focusing on day-to-day living with an infant, the text adopts an unfussy tone that subtly flatters readers as being sensible and mature (relatively speaking). "Babies are small and fragile and strong," writes Danzig. "Watch out for your ears and nose, and don't let your hair get too close." It's also notable that Danzig refers to the infant as "your baby," clearly signaling that the reader has a stake in all this, too. She reinforces the connection by referring readers frequently to their own babyhood: "Can you believe you had to learn to roll over?"

Tilley's ink and watercolor cartoons are sunny and empathic in the Laura Cornell mode, and include plenty of visual jokes to encourage anxious kids-and their parents-to bond. Headings on most spreads make this volume eminently browsable-and therefore a handy family resource.

--Publishers Weekly, Jan. 2009

Stop right here if you are looking for a perfect book to tell children about their new little brother or sister. Done in a light-hearted but also matter-of-fact style, this book will answer all of the questions new big siblings have. The book ranges from what babies look like to what they eat to what they can do plus all of the hair pulling and stinky bottoms too. The mix of the sweet with the annoying will prepare children well. Danzig's text is spot on, offering just the right amount of information and leaving nothing to a child's imagination. The tone is exactly right too, filled with humor but staying up front and informative. Tilley's illustrations add a friendly approachable feel to the information, keeping the book light rather than intimidating. A great book for public libraries to have on hand to inform all of the new big brothers and sisters. This would also be a great gift for the new sibling when the pregnancy announcement is made.

--Tasha Saecker, Children's Librarian, Director-Elisha D. Smith Public Library (Menasha, WI), Feb. 12, 2009

Becoming a big brother or sister is a very big deal in a child's life...try to think of a book that discusses infant development on a child friendly level...Well, thanks to Dianne Danzig, Babies Don't Eat Pizza fills in that gap nicely...This is a very sweet (but not saccharine-there's plenty of humor) and respectful book. Kudos

to Danzig for noting that some mommies have an operation to get the baby out, and that some babies need to stay in an incubator if they are small or sick. The book empowers children in interaction with their new brother or sister...If you know of a soon-to-be big brother or big sister, get him/her this book. --Jennifer Schultz, Youth Services Librarian, Warrenton Branch of the Fauquier County Public Library System (VA), Feb. 27, 2009  
Featured as "Parents' Press Pick": ...What do babies do? They sleep, they nurse, they have wacky hair - and so did you, Dianne Danzig explains in this charming, kid-friendly book for ages 3-8. Our resident sibling (Celia, age 3, big sister to Reuben, age 6 months) gave it two thumbs up. So do we. Practical tips for parents too. --Dixie Jordan, Editor/Publisher, Parents' Press (San Francisco Bay Area, CA), March 2009

This book covers about everything regarding a new baby. Very informative, excellent pictures to show what life is like with a new baby. Wish I had bought this book before baby sis arrived, rather than after bringing her home. It's kind of long, but depending on the age of big bro/sis, it would be really simple to break the book up into a few different story times.

It's a great book if you have a 5 year old or older. Some of the language is more sophisticated for younger children.

My four-year old loved this book! We started reading it long before his little sister was expected. He's handled the transition VERY well, and has been great with the new baby since day 1. This was one of three books we got, but it's probably his favorite. Our little girl is almost 4 months old, but he still likes to read it. :)

Awesome book for my 6 and 8 year olds. They referred back to it once baby was born, they'd say, "oh just like in the book." I felt it helped them get prepared.

a great book for explanations for older kids. my almost 7 year old loves it.

Perfect for my six year old son. Most new baby books are too young for him, this one is good for older kids!

This book is very cute and informational but it doesn't seem to hold my 4 year olds attention and usually he can sit through just about any book. He might like it better if he was older.

My son loves this book. My favorite page is the page where it shows how different babies can look when they are first born. From colors, to spots, to head shapes.

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