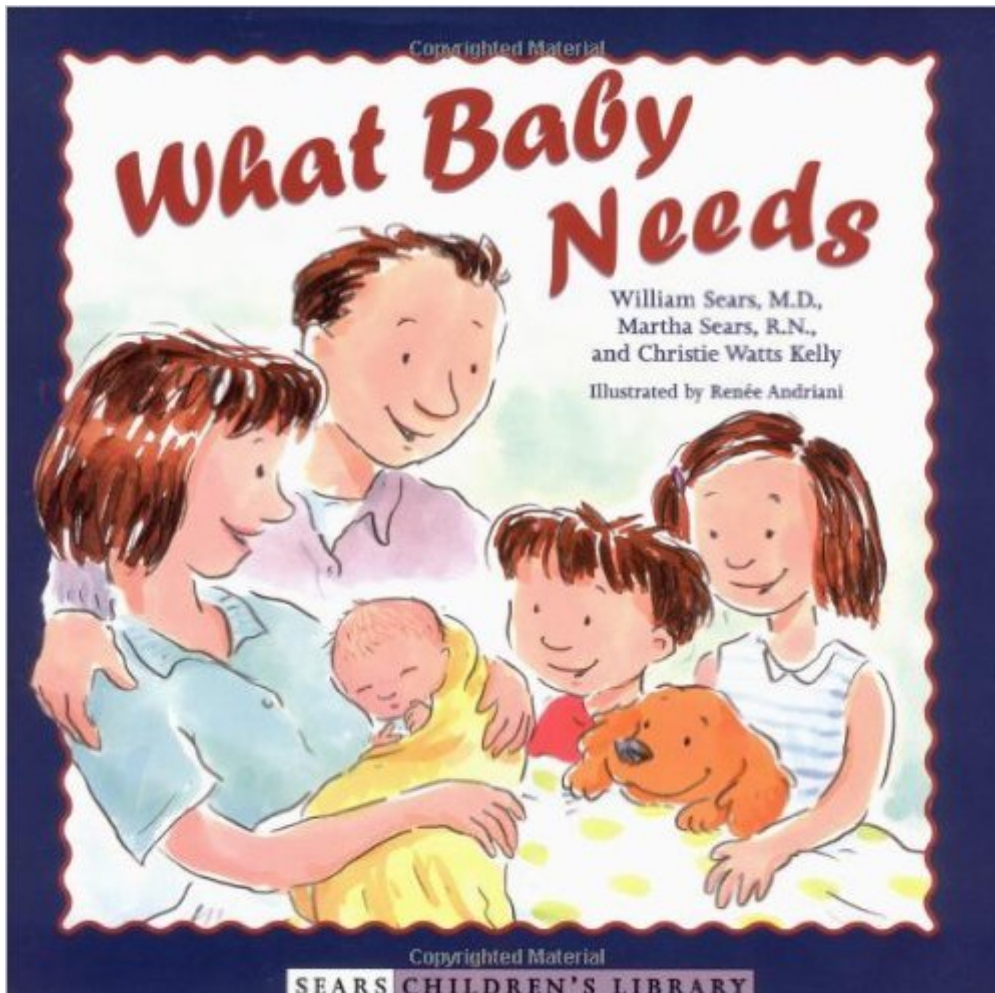


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# What Baby Needs (Sears Children Library)



## Synopsis

When a family brings a new baby home, there are many changes. Older siblings may find it hard to understand the needs of the new baby, as well as the demands placed on mom and dad. Based on the attachment-parenting theories of the foremost authorities on parenting and childcare, William Sears, M.D., and Martha Sears, R.N., this book clearly explains baby's needs. The text emphasizes how siblings can be helpers to both baby and parents, while forging their own relationships with "their baby," and outlines the positive aspects of being an older girl or boy. Here is a warm, insightful book that will help the whole family joyously and lovingly welcome the newest member into their lives.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

We've been extremely pleased with this book for preparing for a new baby in the house. I was afraid it would be too much for my 21-month old, but he actually brings it over to have it read to him and sits through the whole thing. He loves this book, and we like the messages it imparts. I'm also extremely pleased that it shows the mother breastfeeding and talks about how baby nurses to get milk "just like you did". Since my oldest only stopped nursing at 18 months, I think that really made a good connection for him. Now that his sister has arrived, he's fascinated when he sees her

breastfeeding. This book has been very popular in our house, and I definitely plan on keeping it around. I would also highly recommend it to others, as it shows and shares a lot of things about what babies are really like and what they need that other books don't. And the little tips on almost every page would be very nice for an older child as well. It has a lot of good tips and such for parents before and after the story as well. Definitely a great book!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the authors for writing a "new baby" book that features breast feeding! Every other title that I have looked at is mainly focused on bottle feeding. This is much more realistic for our, and many other, families out there, seeing as my older daughter took a bottle less than 10 times during our 14 month nursing relationship. My daughter is only 15 months old and I'm 5 months pregnant. We bought this book yesterday after also looking at "I'm A Big Sister." When we came home and read it together she was so excited to point out the daddy, mommy, baby, dog, etc. While this book may feature older siblings that aren't as young as my daughter, it still was a big hit. Even if a family hasn't adopted the "attachment parenting" style, this book is an excellent resource for your older child. The attachment style is featured in this book through babywearing/slinging, co-sleeping, breast feeding and tending to a little baby's cries as cues (versus manipulation, etc.). If you're going to give this as a gift, you may want to do some investigating to find out whether or not the new parent is strongly opposed to any of those. If so, you may want to steer clear. Otherwise, it's a fantastic book that promotes how exciting and fun it is to help take care of the new baby while getting to do all kinds of fun "older child" activities. There is also one small section that talks about how the older child will still get to have special time with mommy. I really appreciated that reassurance, even if it was a quick blip.

When parents bring a new baby home, they usually have an idea of what needs this new life will have. Their new baby will be totally dependent on them. If parents have young children at home, they may not know what the new baby's needs will be. And even if they did, they may feel as though they are no longer needed. How can parents ease their children's fears about the new baby, and help them understand what their new sibling needs? In the book, "What Baby Needs," from the famous Sear's Children's Library, children will find out exactly what new babies need. The story begins by explaining things that the new baby needs...the same needs that the sibling had. Young children will be reminded of how their parents took care of them when they were babies, and they'll learn what their new role will be in the new baby's life. They will feel comforted knowing that their parents lovingly cared for them, the same way their parents will be caring for their new baby. There

are little sections throughout the book called, "What About Me?" that help siblings understand and realize that they are important too. They provide information on their new role as "big brother" or "big sister," and gives them ideas on ways they can connect with the new baby. My ParentTime highly recommends "What Baby Needs" - young children will find it very easy to relate to. It also answers many of the questions that they probably have about the new baby's needs and their role in its new life. Young children are sure to enjoy this book. My 6 year old enjoyed this story :-).

I love this book! It explains to older siblings why mama always has to nurse the baby, hold the baby, sleep with the baby. It never ever mentions formula even once and it shows many of the tools that parents use that just aren't present in most books. Mommy & Daddy both wear the baby and the baby sleeps in a cosleeper!! The book also contains a lot of great reminders and tips for Mom & Dad to help an older sibling make friends with the baby, and feel important. Makes me want to have another baby just so we would need it in our house!

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