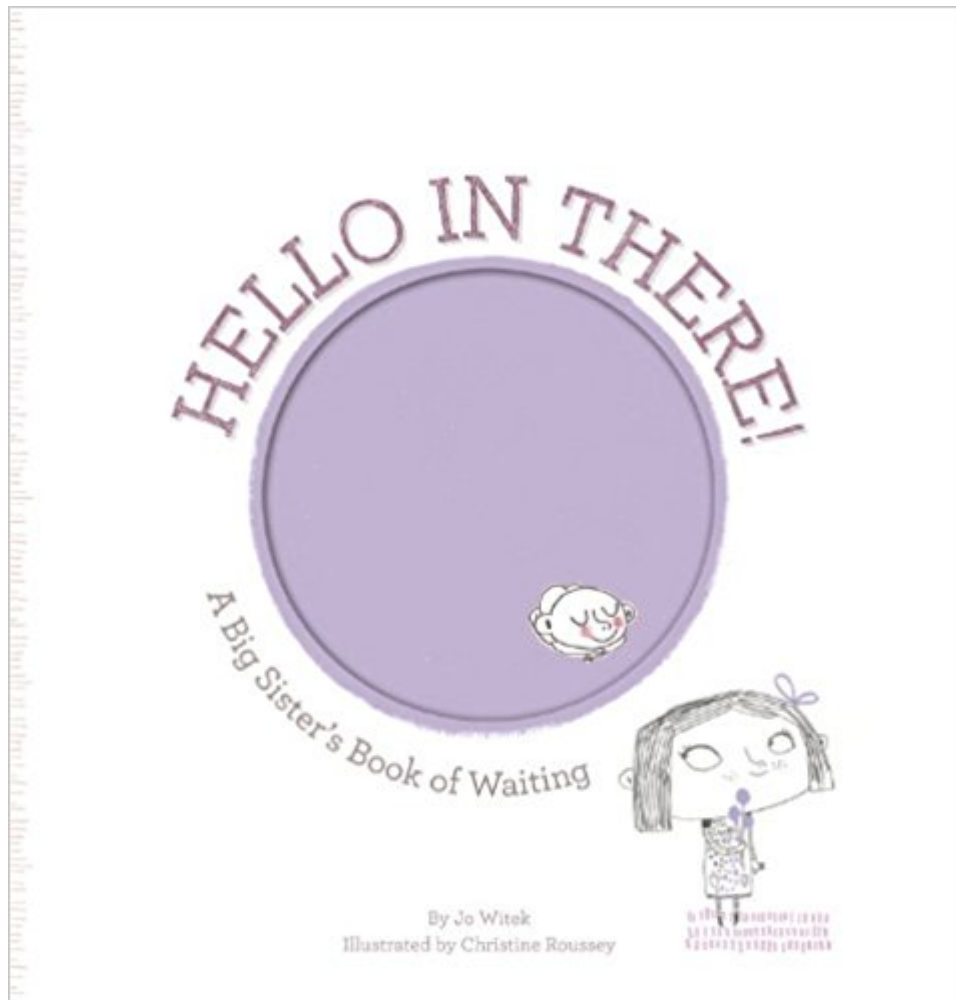


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Hello In There!: A Big Sister's Book Of Waiting (Growing Hearts)



Synopsis

From the author and illustrator of the bestselling *In My Heart!* *À Á* This oversized interactive book is a heartfelt look at the wonder and excitement of waiting . . . and waiting . . . and waiting for a new sibling to arrive. The charming protagonist is so eager to step into her role as a big sister that she *À* *À* *À* starting early! She sticks close to her mama so she can sing songs to her sibling-to-be (loudly, of course) and explain all the great things waiting in the outside world (cupcakes! strawberries! swimming!). Quaint line drawings and lovely patterns lend a breezy, lighthearted atmosphere to the story, and a variety of playful flaps add gentle humor, showing the new baby blissfully tucked away in its mama *À* *À* *À* belly. A joyful and celebratory ode to the growing family for any sister- or brother-to-be. The Growing Hearts series celebrates the milestones of a toddler *À* *À* *À* emotional development, from conquering fears and expressing feelings to welcoming a new sibling. **Praise for *Hello in There!*** **STARRED REVIEW** "Roussey *À* *À* *À* whimsical, scraggly, illustrations are perfectly suited to the girl *À* *À* *À* excitement as the big day approaches." *À* *À* *À* •Publishers Weekly, starred review "Thick and sturdy pages and flaps are made to withstand many eager perusals as big sisters and brothers everywhere gear up for their own big days." *À* *À* *À* •Kirkus Reviews "This has charming possibilities for helping a youngster to envision (and get accustomed to) the impending sibling." *À* *À* *À* •The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

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Customer Reviews

PreSÃçâ –â •A little girl wonders about her not-yet-born sibling, reassuring and encouraging the baby by telling of all the good things waiting out in the world ("like strawberries and cupcakes-my favorites!"). The child appears on the recto of each spread while her mother's belly is shown growing larger on the verso. Youngsters can lift a flap to see the developing fetus against imaginative backgrounds. Childlike drawings with cleverly used white space and colorful images create suspense leading up to the moment when big sister and baby finally, happily meet. Preschoolers will enjoy this sweet story.Ãçâ –â •Kathleen Kelly MacMillan, Carroll County Public Library, MD

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I wanted to find a good big sibling book for our daughter, but I had a really hard time finding any that I liked enough to buy. Most had terrible artwork. Many focus on how boring babies are or how it stinks to get less attention. Many were so focused on teaching a lesson that they do nothing to engage the child. This one, however, was perfect. The artwork is simple and appealing. And, the book focuses on the thoughts and emotions of the child who is waiting for their brother or sister to arrive. The big sister talks about her concern for the baby ("is it dark in there?"), singing to the baby, feeling connected to the baby, and enthusiasm for meeting the baby and sharing her favorite things. And, the flaps that reveal the slowly growing baby on each page are just an added bonus that keep my daughter even more engaged.

We purchased for my 5 year old who was excited to be a big sister. Each page the moms stomach gets bigger and bigger until they come home with a baby. My daughter started to ask questions about what baby was doing in my stomach and what he would look like because of this book. Great purchase for any expecting big sister.

This is a fantastic book for soon-to-be siblings. Really cute illustrations and story. This is one of my 2 year old's favorite books right now. I like how positive it is towards the arriving baby, and how it builds anticipation.

This book is too cute and great for getting daughter excited about having a baby sister

Such a cute book, my daughter loves it. I will say, it's a little fragile and I've already had to repair some of the flaps.

I can not say enough about this book. my daughter was not really into having a baby but we got this book and it was the only one she wanted to read for about 2 months its so cut with the flaps that open and the growing belly. I really think it helps them get whats going on.

This book is terrific. Cute, simple text and an open-the-flap format that reveals a growing baby and baby bump. We used it to explain to our daughter that she was going to become a big sister. She is 2 and totally "got it" after reading the book. I like that the little girl in the book is EXCITED about becoming a big sister - sometimes big sibling books emphasize new babies crying and being general bummers for their older sib - this one is sweet and refreshing, in my opinion. :)

I bought this for my 20 month old daughter to start getting her excited for her new baby sister. She loves lifting the flaps to see the little baby in mama's belly. It's really a very sweet book.

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