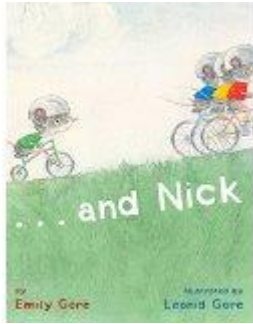


## Children's Books & Resource About Birth Order & Siblings

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	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>You Were the First</i></p> <p>By Patricia MacLachlan, illustrated by Stephanie Craegin. Little, Brown and Company, 2013. Hardcover, 40 pages, young readers.</p> <p>The book features major milestones of a baby's first year as parents' treasure the "firsts."</p>
<p><i>My Firstborn, There's No One Like You</i> (2004)</p> <p><i>My Only Child, There's No One Like You</i> (2005) <i>My Middle Child, There's No One Like You</i> (2005) <i>My Youngest Child, There's No One Like You</i> (2005) <i>My Adopted Child, There's No One Like You</i> (2007) <i>My Grandchild, There's No One Like You</i> (2008)</p> <p>By Dr. Kevin Leman &amp; Kevin Leman II, illustrated by Kevin Leman II, Revell. Hardcover &amp; Kindle, Ages 4-8.</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>If It Weren't For You</i></p> <p>By Charlotte Zolotow, pictures by G. Brian Karas. Harper Collins Publisher, First edition 1994; 2006. Hardcover, 32 pages, ages 3 &amp; up.</p> <p>Sometimes big brothers and big sisters think their lives would be better if it wasn't for a younger sibling. Zolotow explains the conflict and bond that occurs with siblings.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Zack in the Middle</i></p> <p>By Dia L. Michels, Platypus Media, Newly Independent Reader, 2005. Hardcover, 48 pages, 4 - 8 years; Preschool - 3rd.</p> <p>Seven-year-old Zack loves being surrounded - by a big sister and a little sister.</p>	



### *...and Nick*

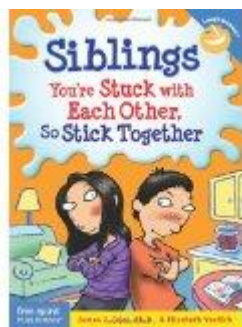
By Emily Gore, illustrated by Leonid Gore. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2015. Hardcover & Kindle, 40 pages, 4 - 8 years; Preschool - 3rd.

Nick is the youngest of four mice brothers. They know what they want, but it takes longer for Nick to figure out what he wants. He's a late bloomer.

### *The Fiddle in the Middle*

By Beth Marie Larson, illustrated by Jessica Leannah. Published by Beth Larson, 2013, sold by Amazon Digital Services, Inc. Kindle, 28 pages. No ages listed.

This is the first of a three-book series on child dynamics in the family. The book describes the importance of being the middle child.



### *Siblings: You're Stuck with Each Other, So Stick Together*

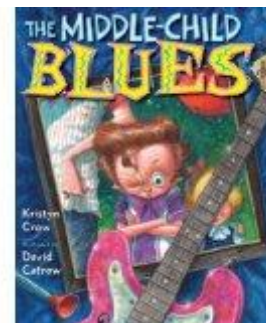
By James J. Crist, Ph.D. & Elizabeth Verdick. Free Spirit Publishing, Laugh & Learn, 2010. Paperback, 112 pages, 8 - 13 years; Grades 3 - 7.

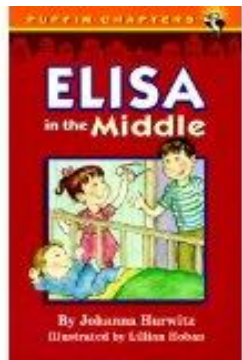
This book doesn't dwell on sibling's jealousy, but on building positive relationships with each other.

### *The Middle-Child Blues*

By Krysten Crow, illustrated by David Catrow. Juvenile Putnam, 2009. Hardcover, 32 pages, 5-8 years.

Crow loves to use rhythm, rhyme, and repetition to make reading snappy and fun. The middle child feels stuck until he discovers his own special talent.





### *Elisa in the Middle*

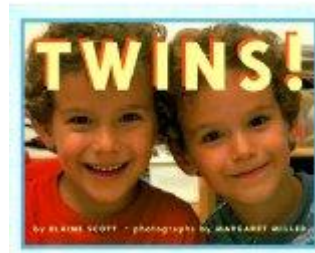
By Johanna Hurwitz, illustrated by Lillian Hoban. Morrow Junior Books: NY, reprint edition 1998. Hardcover & paperback, 96 pages, ages 8 - 12.

Elisa becomes the middle child when a new brother is born. She wants to teach Marshall everything she's learning in kindergarten. This six chapter book features Elisa's adventures as a middle child.

### *Twins*

By Elaine Scott, photographs by Margaret Miller. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, Simon & Schuster, 1998. Hardcover, 40 pages, ages 3 & up.

Even though many twins look alike, each is a unique individual just like any other sibling.



### *Discover at your Local Library*



### *Dealing with Being the Oldest Child in Your Family (2003)*

### *Dealing With Being the Middle Child in Your Family (2000)*

### *Dealing with Being the Youngest Child in Your Family (2000)*

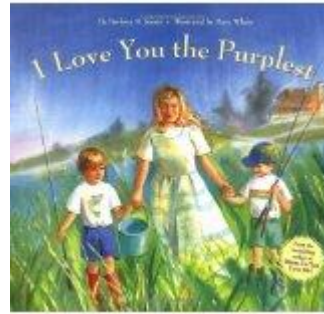
By Elizabeth Vogel. PowerKids Press, Conflict Resolution Library, Library Binding, 24 pages.

Describes some of the frustrations and benefits that come with being the oldest child, middle child, and youngest child in a family and offers advice on how to deal with both.

## *I Love You the Purplest*

By Barbara M. Joosse, illustrated by Mary Whyte. Chronicle Books, 1996. Hardcover; Paperback & Audio, 1998. 32 pages, Preschool - 7.

Although this book isn't specifically on birth order, it focuses on which child the mom loves more. The boys keep asking questions, which ends with, "I love you the purplest." Great story I wish was around when my girls were young.



### Online Resource for Kids

[It's My Life . Family . Birth Order | PBS Kids GO!](http://pbskids.org/itsmylife/family/birthorder/index.html)  
[pbskids.org/itsmylife/family/birthorder/index.html](http://pbskids.org/itsmylife/family/birthorder/index.html)

This web site answers the question, What is Birth Order? It explains the first born, in the middle, youngest and only children in ways that school-age child can understand. Kids can also take a Celebrity Birth Order Quiz.