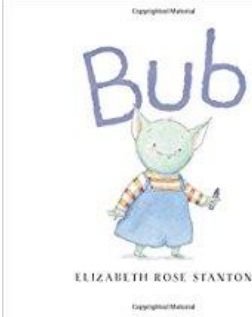
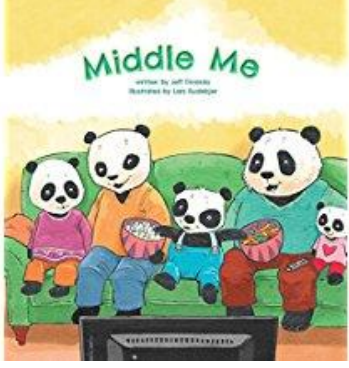
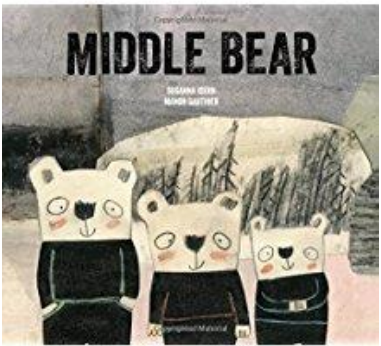
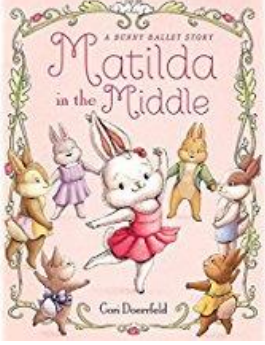


## Children's Books & Resource About Birth Order & Siblings

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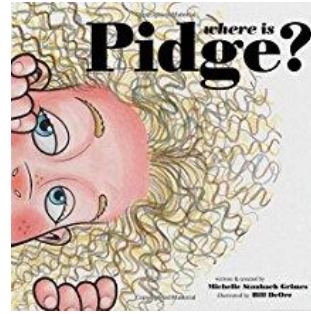
	<p><b>NEW</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Bub</i></p> <p>By Elizabeth Rose Stanton, author &amp; illustrator. Simon &amp; Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books, 2018. Hardcover, 40 pages, 4-8 years.</p> <p>Bub is the middle child in the noisy monster family. Everyone has to pay attention to the baby. Bub takes charge and keeps the family guessing.</p>
<p><b>NEW</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Middle Me</i></p> <p>Written by Jeff Dinardo &amp; illustrated by Lars Rudebjer, Rocking Chair Press, 2017. Library binding, 24 pages, 5-6 years.</p> <p>Being the oldest has its advantages. The youngest may be left out. But everyone loves the baby. Being in the middle is unique and comes with experiences only a middle child knows.</p>	
	<p><b>NEW</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Middle Bear</i></p> <p>By Susanna Isern &amp; illustrated by Manon Gauthier, Kids Can Press, 2017. Hardcover, 34 pages, 5-6 years.</p> <p>He's the second of three brothers. Sometimes it's hard to feel special when everything is middle sized. That is until his family needs help and he's just the right size.</p>
<p><b>NEW to LIST</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Matilda in the Middle: A Bunny Ballet Story</i></p> <p>By Cori Doerrfeld, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2015. Hardcover, 40 pages, 4 to 6 years.</p> <p>Matilda, the bunny, has lots of brothers and sisters. When her mother enrolls her in ballet she finds a special place to shine.</p>	

**NEW to LIST**

*Where is Pidge?*

By Michelle Staubach Grimes & illustrated by Bill DeOre, Pidge Media, LLC, 2015. Hardcover, 40 pages, 4 to 7 years.

Pidge is a middle child whose curious & fun but sometimes get stuck in the middle. She decides to run away & gets stuck in an unusual place.

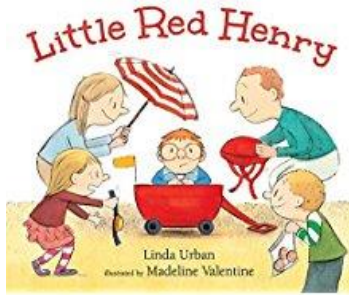


**NEW to LIST**

*Little Red Henry*

By Linda Urban & illustrated by Madeline Valentine, Candlewick, 2015. Hardcover, 40 pages, 4 to 8 years.

Henry's the baby in an overprotective family who does everything for him. He's not a baby anymore and wants to do things for himself. What happens when Henry tries to be independent?

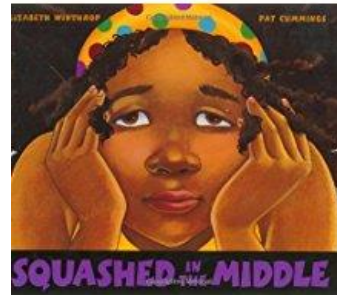


**NEW to LIST**

*Squashed in the Middle*

By Elizabeth Winthrop & illustrated by Pat Cummings, Henry Holt & Co, 2005. Hardcover, 32 pages, 5-9 years.

No one listens to Daisy. When she tells her family she's going to sleep over at a friend's, no one hears her. Being in the middle isn't easy.

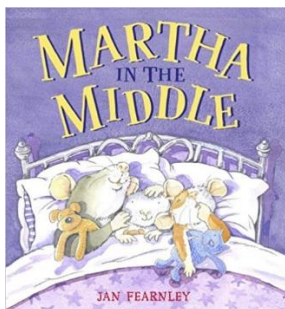


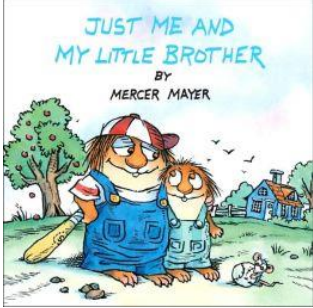
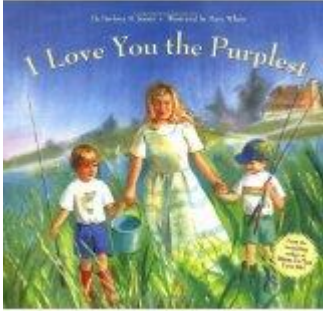
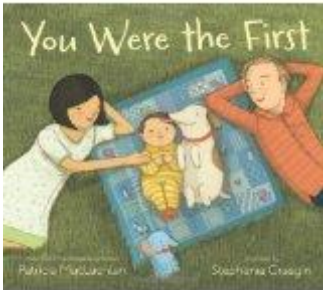
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*Martha in the Middle*

Written & illustrated by Jan Fearnley, Candlewick, 2008. Hardcover, 40 pages, 4-7 years.

Marths doesn't like being in the middle in her family. She gets squashed between her siblings and feels invisible. Her friend frog points out the advantages. Being in the middle is a choice spot.

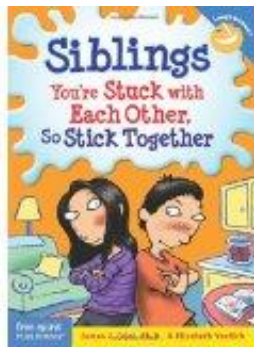
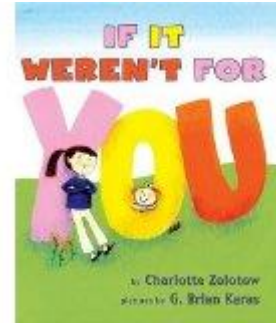


<p><i>Just Me and My Little Bother</i>  Mercer Mayer, Random House Books for Young Readers, 1998. 24 pages, 3 to 7 years.</p> <p>I discovered this book in the children's section of Barnes &amp; Noble. The older brother imagines all the things he'll do with his little brother...after he learns to walk.</p>	
	<p><i>I Love You the Purplest</i>  By Barbara M. Joesse, illustrated by Mary Whyte. Chronicle Books, 1996. Hardcover; Paperback &amp; Audio, 1998. 32 pages, Preschool - 7.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p><i>My Firstborn, There's No One Like You</i>  (2004)  <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)  By Dr. Kevin Leman &amp; Kevin Leman II, illustrated by Kevin Leman II, Revell. Hardcover &amp; Kindle, Ages 4-8.</p>	
	<p><i>You Were the First</i>  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>

### *If It Weren't For You*

By Charlotte Zolotow, pictures by G. Brian Karas.  
Harper Collins Publisher, First edition 1994; 2006.  
Hardcover, 32 pages, ages 3 & up.

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.



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

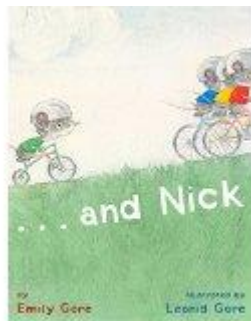
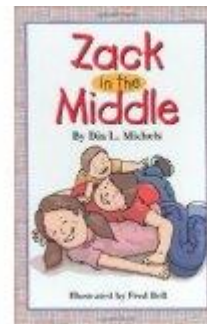
By James J. Crist, Ph.D. & Elizabeth Verdick.  
Free Spirit Publishing, Laugh & Learn, 2010.  
Paperback, 112 pages, 8 - 13 years; Grades 3 - 7.

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

### *Zack in the Middle*

By Dia L. Michels, Platypus Media, Newly Independent Reader, 2005. Hardcover, 48 pages, 4 - 8 years; Preschool - 3rd.

Seven-year-old Zack loves being surrounded - by a big sister and a little sister.



### *...and Nick*

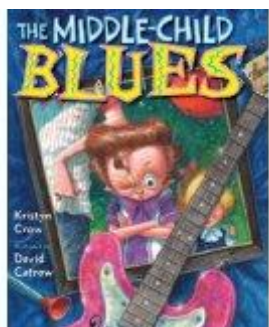
By Emily Gore, illustrated by Leonid Gore.  
Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2015.  
Hardcover & Kindle, 40 pages, 4 - 8 years;  
Preschool - 3rd.

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.



### *The Middle-Child Blues*

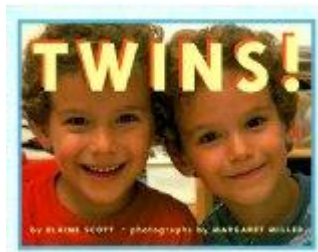
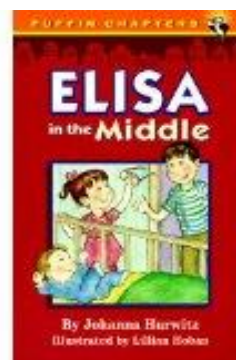
By Krysten Crow, illustrated by David Catrow. Juvenile Putnam, 2009. Hardcover, 32 pages, 5-8 years.

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.

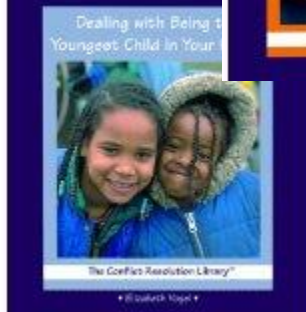
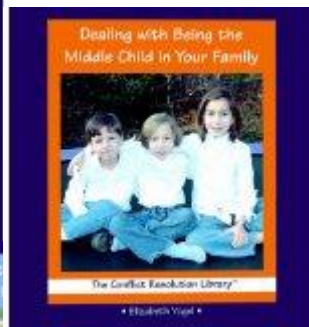
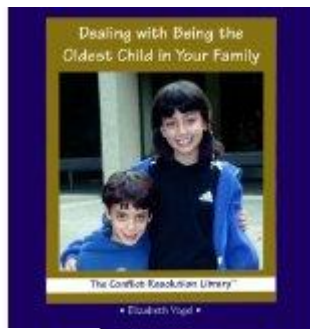


### *Twins*

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.

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*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.