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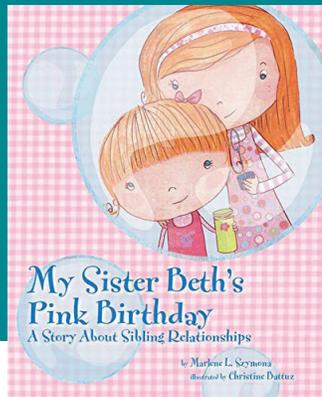
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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

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Toddler, Preschool,
Primary

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Preparations are in order for a special day at Jen and Beth's house. It is Beth's third birthday. Everyone is celebrating and bringing lots of presents for Beth, but her sister Jen feels forgotten. Jen gives in to her jealousy and takes Beth's gifts to try them on for size. Even though Jen does something selfish, Beth still looks up to her big sister and sees her strengths instead of her weaknesses. Jen learns an important lesson about love and sharing from her little sister. She realizes that Beth is not just a baby, but she is growing up to be Jen's best friend.

This is a good book to use to demonstrate feelings within sibling relationships. Families will greatly benefit from this book if they are experiencing difficulties with sibling rivalry. Sometimes children may have difficulties explaining how they are feeling, and this book provides a visual representation a way to express emotions and communicate with each other. This book is geared towards four- to eight-year-olds, but it will hold the interest of toddlers as well because it is full of bright colors. The illustrations are adorable and bring this important discussion topic down to a level that young children can understand. Sometimes discussing a somewhat serious subject matter works best when there is a balance between the fun factor and the emotional factor. This is a unique book that provides a specific resource for those who are searching for books about siblings. The book takes a topic that could be a big issue and turns it into a solvable problem that is easy to discuss and execute.