

Sibling Fun, Games,  
and Aggravation:  
A Picture Book Dozen

*A Bulletin Dozen Booklist*

Sisters and brothers. Brothers and sisters. Some are annoying, others are bossy, but they're all influential: siblings play, argue, share, argue, and all in all, care for one another in that offhand sibling way. This month's Dozens offers picture book glimpses of sibling life, ranging from helping each other to sharing the backseat on a car trip to learning to share parental attention.



—Debra Mitts-Smith  
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The *Bulletin* Dozen is a monthly theme-based booklist available from the *Bulletin's* website. Since we're awfully fond of bakers here at the *Bulletin*, we thought we'd adopt their philosophy of generosity and throw in an extra one or two when we have them to offer—so don't expect an even dozen.

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**Compestine, Ying Chang. *The Story of Noodles*; illus. by YongSheng Xuan.**

**Holiday House, 2002. 5-9 yrs**

Three brothers' play with dumpling dough leads to the invention of noodles.

(BCCB 2/03)

**Fisher, Valorie. *My Big Brother*; written and illus. with photographs by Valorie Fisher. Schwartz/Atheneum, 2002. 2-4 yrs**

Baby's big brother is really big, he does amazing things, he has funny friends, and he still has time to play with baby.

(BCCB 7/02)

**Gammell, Stephen. *Ride*; written and illus. by Stephen Gammell. Whistle/Harcourt, 2001. 5-8 yrs**

A territorial battle ensues between a brother and sister during a ride in the family car.

(BCCB 3/01)

**Gay, Marie-Louise. *Good Morning Sam*; written and illus. by Marie-Louise Gay. Greenwood, 2003. 3-6 yrs**

Sam relies on big sister Stella to wake him and to help him get ready by adjusting his sweater and finding his underwear.

(BCCB 5/03)

**Gay, Marie-Louise. *Good Night Sam*; written and illus. by Marie-Louise Gay. Greenwood/Douglas McIntyre 2003. 3-5 yrs**

It's bedtime, and Sam can't sleep because his dog Fred is missing, so big sister Stella helps him out. (BCCB 9/03)

**Gregory, Valiska. *Shirley's Wonderful Baby*; illus. by Bruce Degen.**

**HarperCollins, 2002. 4-7 yrs**

In Ms. Mump, the new babysitter, Shirley has finally found someone who doesn't think that everything Shirley's baby brother does is wonderful. (BCCB 1/03)

**Harris, Peter. *Ordinary Audrey*; illus. by David Runert. Tiger Tales, 2001. 5-8 yrs**

With Sheriff Deadwood Deb on vacation and outlaws headin' their way, the people of Deadwood look to Deadwood Deb's twin Ordinary Audrey for help. (BCCB 2/02)

**Hughes, Shirley. *Annie Rose Is My Little Sister*; written and illus. by Shirely Hughes. Candlewick, 2003. 4-8 yrs**

"Because she is my little sister and I'm her big brother and we'll go on being like that forever..." (BCCB 4/03)

**Laing, Kate. *Best Kind of Baby*; illus. by R. W. Alley. Dial, 2003. 4-6 yrs**

When Sophie's announces that she is going to have a baby, Sophie wonders if it will be a mouse, a dolphin, or a monkey.

(BCCB 9/03)

**Lamm, C. Drew. *Pirates*; illus. by Stacy Schnett. Hyperion, 2001. 5-8 yrs**

Max wants to read a nice book about cats. Ellery insists that they read about the bloody pirate Jose Gaspar. (BCCB 1/02)

**Lindgren, Barbro. *Benny and the Binky*; tr. by Elisabeth Kallick Dyssegaard; illus. by Olaf Landstrom. Farrar, 2002. 4-7 yrs**

Longing for a binky of his own, Benny takes the one his mother gave to his new baby brother. (BCCB 5/02)

**Scrimger, Richard. *Bun Bun's Birthday*; illus. by Gilian Johnson. Tundra, 2001. 4-7 yrs**

Much to Winifred's distress the streamers, balloons, and cake are not in honor of her, but of her baby sister. (BCCB 4/01)

**Van Leeuwen, Jean. *Sorry*; illus. by Brad Sneed. Fogelman, 2001. 6-10 yrs**

Obadiah and his brother Ebenezer got along just fine on their farm with more "rocks than soil"—until Obadiah complained that Ebenezer's oatmeal had lumps.

(BCCB 9/01).

