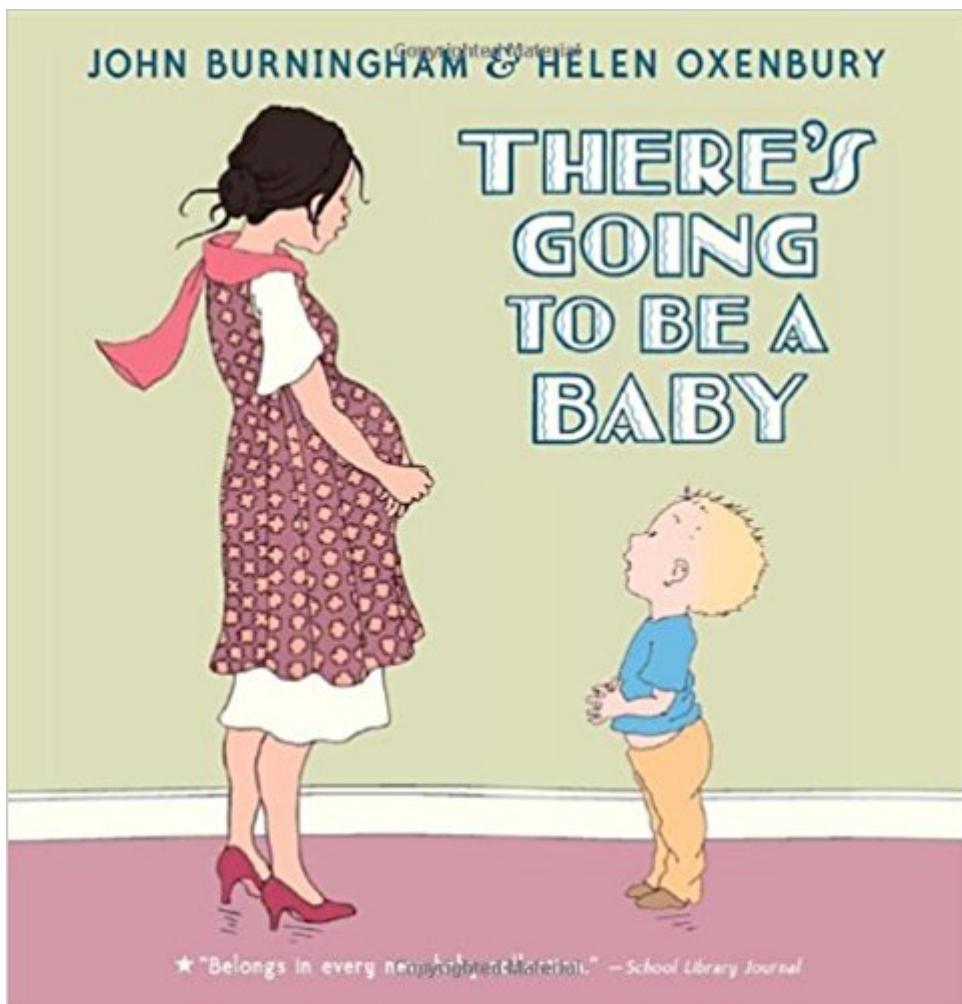


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# There's Going To Be A Baby



## Synopsis

In a first-time creative pairing, two of the worldâ™s most treasured picture book creators offer a truly delightful book for new-siblings-to-be. When is the new baby coming? What will we call it? What will he do? We donâ™t really need a baby, do we? With sensitivity and wit, John Burningham follows the swirl of questions in the mind of a young child anticipating a baby sibling with excitement, curiosity, and just a bit of trepidation. In perfect tandem, Helen Oxenbury captures the childâ™s loving interactions with his mother â” along with the fanciful future scenarios he imagines for the new family member he has yet to meet. Combining a warm, timeless story with illustrations both freshly enchanting and wonderfully nostalgic, this gorgeous book has all the hallmarks of a classic.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 2 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 2â”A wonderful collaboration by the renowned husband-and-wife team. As the winter snows arrive, a mother tells her young son that a new baby is on the way. âœâ”When is the baby going to come?' he asks. His mom answers â”The baby will arrive when it's ready, in the fall, when the leaves are turning brown and falling.'â”• The remaining panels portray the conversations they have over the next several months as they anticipate the birth. The boy's emotions run from some initial anxiety (âœâ”It will make a mess everywhere'â”•) to realizing that he will perhaps have a new

playmate to wondering if a new baby is really necessary. The illustrations alternate between mother-and-son talks at the park, the bank, the zoo, etc., with the youngster's fanciful imaginings of the baby at work and play. The artwork, done in ink with digital colorization, is classic Oxenbury and has a slightly retro feel in layout and palette. It is both sweet and comical at the same time. Overall, this lovely, oversize volume belongs in every new-baby collection. Roxanne Burg, Orange County Public Library, CA © Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

\*Starred Review\* Birmingham and Oxenbury (did you know they're married?) are two of the finest picture-book writers around, so it's no surprise this collaboration delights on many levels. They take on a well-trod topic, the new sibling, but their spin is purely their own. It begins with these simple words set alone on a buff-colored page: "There's going to be a baby." The facing page shows a young mother leaning against her young son's bed, while he looks at her with curiosity. Painted in pure, saturated colors that fill the pages, this simple scene leads to more interchanges between mom and son, through the snow, at a restaurant, in a flower-filled garden. The questions are often simple: When is the baby going to come? What will we call the baby? But the mostly matter-of-fact answers lead to wild flights of fancy for the boy. He doesn't want a messy baby painting pictures. The next two-page spread (like all the imaginary scenes, in blocks on a dot-matrix background) will make readers laugh at the baby's wild spin at painting. Throughout, this is a mother-and-son-only family (though Grandfather shows up to take the boy to the hospital to see the newborn), and despite the range of today's families, children may have questions about Dad's whereabouts. Yet this is a gorgeous book, full of warmth, spirit, and imagination. Soon-to-be siblings will understand the boy's musings and feel comforted as he shapes his fantasies into the reality to come. Preschool. --Ilene Cooper --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

Great way to introduce existing children to the idea of a new baby on the way!

To begin preparing my 2 & 3 year old boys for a new baby this fall, I purchased "There's Going to Be a Baby." This book became an immediate favorite to both of them. After almost two months of owning the book, we read it every night before going to bed.

Really cute book! Bought it for my 2 year old son once we found out we were expecting our 2nd and

we have continued to read it once his baby brother arrived. This is one of my toddlers favorites. He loves this illustrations!

Sent it to my 22 month old greatgrandson and am anxious to hear how he responds to it.

So sweet! We love reading this to our toddler age 2 and he enjoys it too.

Gave it as a gift to a friend to read to her son because she was having another baby. Very cute and appropriate

Wouldn't recommend it... At least it's not a great book for my 2 year old

This book spans across all seasons during mommy's pregnancy. It also depicts questions from the young older brother. The story is sweet and nicely done.

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