## I Have A Brother Smiljana Coh Reviewed by: Reginald Elzey, Age 17 Star Teen Book Reviewer of Be the Star You Are! Charity www.bethestaryouare.org

The book is written for very young children that are experiencing an addition to a growing family. The author writes in very simple language to illustrate all the positive aspect of being the big brother to new arrivals. It illustrates the importance of the change in a family and the new roll the only child will now have and how exciting this roll can be. The author illustrates the fun of teaching the younger sibling how to play ball, ride a bike, learning to walk, how to be safe. The author also gives importance to sharing, caring, and to not be jealous as everyone is loved and how the addition shows how the parents love sharing their life with the siblings.

The author has utilized simple pictures in the book that show the big brother teaching the baby how to learn things from the big brother. The pictures show the big brother how to touch the new baby, how to hold, how to love, guide, and direct the new arrival into becoming just like the big brother. The author also speaks to the reader from the big brothers view which expresses what his desires to teach the new baby how to ride his bicycle, what he wishes to teach the baby. The author expresses love and acceptance for the big brother to be happy.

I would definitely recommend this book to read to all boys that are becoming a big brother as this is a giant role change for children. The book would be of great assistance to the development of a positive relationship. The book illustrates in excitement as to allowing the big brother to explore their ability to set goals of what they want to teach the new arrival. The book opens the mind of the child to discuss their feelings about the change with the family unit. I would highly recommend this book to the growing family with very young children. The book has a good subject, learning tool, discussion opening, and great solutions.

Recommended Titles: Will it Be A Baby Brother?, by Eve Bunting Baby Can, by Eve Bunting I'm Me, by Sara Sheridan You're Getting A Baby Sister!, by Sheila Sweeny Higginson The Really, Really, Really Big Dinosaur, by Richard Byrne