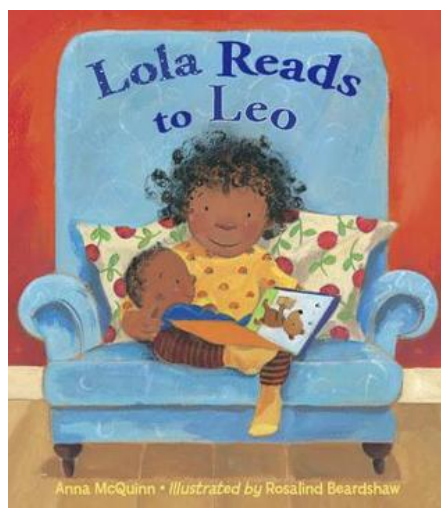




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We all know how much Lola loves books. In this third book in the Lola series (LOLA AT THE LIBRARY and LOLA LOVES STORIES), Lola has a new baby brother and she can't wait to share her love of reading with him. Lola gets ready for little Leo's arrival by reading books about brothers and sisters and picking out the perfect stories that she just knows her little brother will love. Even when her mom's tummy gets "bigger and bigger," and even when she's tired, Mom makes sure there is time for Lola and her stories. When the baby is finally here, Lola takes on the role of big sister—she helps her mommy and daddy around the house and tells Leo stories to cheer him up when he cries. LOLA READS TO LEO proves that it's never too early to become a reader!

Lola Reads to Leo Details

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SaraLaLa says

If you're expecting to have a second baby, this would be a cute story to read to the first one. Lola is a soon-to-be big sister of Leo. He is born part way through the story and the family has to change their routine to comfort him. Throughout this story, Lola reads to Leo; a different type of story for each occasion. It's a sweet way to role model how an older sibling should behave. It even gently reminds the parents to not be too busy for their eldest child.

I only gave it 3 stars because, although it was sweet, I find that I need a little more excitement in my stories.

Sarah says

I love Lola!!

Beth says

A lovely, gentle story for any child expecting a new sibling

Amy Forrester says

As you may know from her other books (Lola Loves Stories and Lola at the Library), Lola loves to read. Her day always ends with a story read by her parents. In the newest Lola installment, Lola's family is getting ready for a new baby. Lola helps by sorting through her books to find good stories for the new shelves in the baby's room. When baby Leo is born, Lola cheers him up by telling him stories when he cries, she reads her potty book to him when he is getting his diaper changed, and she even reads her best duck book while he takes a bath. Everyone is busy with the new baby and even Lola helps out. But it is never "too busy to end the day with a story for the best big sister of all."

McQuinn has once again created a loving story of kind-hearted, book-loving Lola. The text is written in third person and printed in large bold letters, making it easy to follow along. The words are simple and straightforward; free of sugarcoated sentiments and clichés. Beardshaw's illustrations are colorful and painterly. I especially love Lola's brightly patterned outfits and curly mop of hair. The story shows a caring and affectionate family that just happens to be African-American.

Full Review at Picture-Book-a-Day: <http://picturebookaday.blogspot.com/2...>

Samantha says

Lola has a new baby brother at home and for his every need she has the perfect book.

This book covers the needs of a new baby and how a family adjusts to the change. Highly recommended for older siblings who are welcoming little brothers or sisters home.

On another note, this book is a great advertisement for books! Lola matches a books to her brother's every need or routine and she does a top notch job, this librarian approves :)

Monique says

Lola Reads to Leo. This is a book to get kids excited about reading. Lola is a new big sister and she wants to share her books and love for reading with him. The illustrates will be intriguing for young kids. Make sure you share this book with hopes to ignite the desire to read with every child you meet.

Lindsay Surmeier says

For this book, I made a text to self connection. A text to self connection is when you relate something from the text to something in your own life personally. On page 16, Lola reads and sings to her newborn baby brother so he stops crying and goes to sleep. I made a text to self connection with Lola singing and entertaining her little brother. My older sister used to put on plays, dance, and sing for me when I was born. I don't remember this, but I have seen plenty of home videos of her doing it. They would make me smile or laugh and she loved having a baby sister, even if we were 6 years apart. This type of adoration for their younger sibling I saw in Lola.

Mary Ann says

Lola gladly helps out when her new baby brother arrives, reading and telling him stories. Warm illustrations show this loving African American family welcoming their new baby and supporting Lola's new role; best of all, her parents make sure they have time to read Lola her own bedtime story because she's "the best big sister of all."

Stefani says

This one has the "awww" factor! It's a sweet story about how Lola is read to by mom and dad, then when her baby brother is born, she reads to him. Nothing groundbreaking, but definitely a keeper.

Plus, what librarian can resist a book that is so focused on young children and families reading? I especially loved how Lola found similar situations, despite the age difference (Leo gets his diaper changed while she's on the potty). Just cute cute cuteness.

Carol says

Lola is becoming a big sister and she takes her job very seriously: she reads to little brother Leo, sings to him and even shares her toys. Being a big sister is very hard work but both Lola and Leo love to end their day with a good story. A must-read for the preschool set!

Lisa Vegan says

Wow! I'm surprised that this book doesn't show as having higher ratings. Right now the average is 3.64 stars. I loved it.

This is the perfect book for families with a child and expecting another child or where there is a younger/baby sibling in the family.

I have really liked at least two other Lola books but this one might be my favorite so far. Lola has a loving mother and father and she gets a bedtime story every night. Starting with Lola's mommy's pregnancy, Lola starts planning for and giving books to the new baby. When Lola's brother Leo is born she reads to him and tries to help in other ways. The whole family is busy with Leo but not too busy for Lola's bedtime story. This is a sweet story about family love. I like that both parents are involved in both children's care. I love how Lola picks out books to fit the occasion, trying to help Leo feel better when he cries.

I love the illustrations. I was thrilled to see a picture of Leo nursing. "It turns out he is just hungry. Lola holds her best bear story while Mommy feeds him. She and Mommy read it together." It is obvious that Lola is still a very young child. As Leo gets his diaper changed, Lola is sitting on a potty chair, and reading "him her best potty book." It's so cute.

Family love. Book and reading love. Wonderful!

Highly recommended for 2 to 6 year olds who are older siblings, and some older children too. This is designed as a read aloud book but will also be enjoyed by young independent readers.

Now, the only negative, as I see it, is that it's ALL positive. Lola seems to feel absolutely no jealousy and doesn't seem to have any ambivalent feelings about her new baby brother and her new place in the family. But I guess not every single book with this theme has to address these aspects. There are plenty of books about new babies in the family. I would suggest this be paired with a book that shows the child/children having a wider range of feelings. Kids read this book and no other might think any negative feelings they have are aberrant. With that caveat, this is now on my list of books to give as gifts to children about to be big sisters/big brothers.

4 ½ stars

Jeannie Wilkinson says

Lola is back and she is joined by her brand-new baby brother. Beardshaw's bright illustrations in acrylic on paper bring McQuinn's simple story to life. Children can relate to the everyday activities of the family, and African-American children will delight to see themselves reflected in the book. The cover shows a

diminutive Lola in an armchair with baby Leo and a book on her lap. The soft lines and Lola's fuzzy hair invite the reader to enjoy a gently told story. This style of illustration is typical of Beardshaw who is also a published author.

The story begins with a double-page spread showing Lola and her mommy engaging in their nightly routine of reading the bedtime story. The sentences employed are straightforward in structure and text for the youngest audience. Each page or double-page focuses on a single, uncomplicated event which the illustrations flesh out.

This charming book could be used one-on-one with parents and a young child who is expecting a sibling, or in a preschool environment where the children are learning about families.

Rachel says

A darling story about Lola and her parents welcoming the arrival of her new baby brother to her family. Determined to read to him, McQuinn illustrates how Lola helps her parents and is an awesome big sister. An excellent book about family and for sharing when welcoming new siblings into the family. Highly recommended.

Kirsten says

This is a really sweet little "new baby" book. Lola helps her family get ready for her new brother, Leo, and once he's born, she helps her parents by reading to him as they all go through their day. There are lots of simple images of diaper changing, feeding, sleeping, bath time, nap time, etc.

I really like that this book features a black family and normalizes breastfeeding as well. The illustrations are warm and inviting and there are ample opportunities for discussion.

Yasmin Lucero says

This is a really good book about getting ready for a new baby. My daughter loves all of the Lola books because she finds them super relatable. This one models Lola coping well with the overwhelming addition of a new little brother. But, it doesn't put an overly rosy spin on things either. I really appreciate this book.
