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What do you do when you have an incredibly annoying little sister? Write her letters telling her so, of course!

Whininess, annoyingness, afraid of the darkness, refusal to eat lima beans, and pulling brother's hair. This is the criteria on which little sisters are graded. Inspired by the notes Alison McGhee's own kids would write each other, this heavily illustrated collection of letters and messages from an older brother to his little sister reveal the special love--or, at the very least, tolerance--siblings have for each other.

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From Reader Review Dear Sister for online ebook

Stefanie says

A story told entirely in notes from a brother to his sister from the time she is born until the time he leaves for college. Very relatable for anyone who has a sibling!

Nabilah Firdaus says

MY HEART

I'm not crying, you are!

Joy Kirr says

OH, how sweet! I read this standing next to a coworker in about 15 minutes. What a sweet book, with fabulous drawings! Get one tissue ready...

Kent District Library says

“Being the younger sister, the notes and letters written by the older brother resonated with me big time! It made me laugh, choked me up, and made me want to call my own big brothers.” – Liz at Plainfield Township

Kristy says

I kept seeing this at bookstores but had somehow missed it in the review journals. So I ordered it for the library and promptly checked it out to myself. (Ha!) It took me ten minutes to read and I went through a whole range of emotions, from skeptical to completely won over, tears streaming down my face. It's a sweet, funny, sentimental read about the evolution of sibling relationships. Would be a great gift for older siblings, where one has gone away to college recently for instance.

Jill Anderson says

I'm crying right now.

Piyali says

One of the most beautiful books I have read about sibling jealousy, rivalry, relationship. Realistic and fantastic creation.

Hebah says

Pick this one if you want a quick, heartwarming read.

The story follows 10 years in the life of an annoyed brother and his eight-years-younger sister through a series of letters and increasingly sophisticated drawings. The sibling dynamics feel real, and the art is enjoyable, particularly as Sister (who is not named in the book because Brother is annoyed that their parents, whom he refers to as the Wardens, didn't go with the name he chose for her because "then you would love it so much and wish it was your name so much instead of the name that you ended up with that you would cry even more than you cry now. Which is a TON") grows up and contributes her own drawings and occasional notes. I agree with another reviewer who wished for a sequel, Dear Brother, picking up where this one leaves off with her writing to him at college.

While this is a kids' book, it might make a lovely birthday or holiday gift for grown siblings with significant age gaps.

Kathleen Currie Smith says

I laughed out loud so many times! And then I cried. Happy tears.

Ran says

An older brother begrudgingly writes letters to his baby sister as they grow older. The relationship is rather adorable. I also appreciated how the brother's letters (with accompanying drawings) progressed in skill over time. Also, he evolved from pencil to pen to fine point sharpie, like any good artist does in practice.

Recommended to me by Jenny

Katie Reilley says

All the feels for this sweet sibling book. A must read for older brothers with younger sisters.

Over a span of ten years, a boy writes letters to his younger sister, chronicling their time together. There are laugh out loud moments, like when he teaches her bad words that she repeats in church, and sad moments, like when his best friend moves away.

Told in letter writing format with great graphics, this is a heartwarming collection that showcases sibling relationships.

Jenna Hazzard says

Very cute children's book that I happened to pick up at the library. It consists of short notes that a brother writes to his sister while growing up and has a very nice ending. The illustrator did a good job of drawing good pictures, while still making them look like a child had done it. It's a fun and heartwarming read if you're looking for something light to cleanse your reading palette.

Sarah says

This review is of advanced copy kindly provided by the publisher.

As evidenced by my rarely awarded five star rating, I loved, loved, loved Dear Sister! In fact, I would go so far as to say it is my favorite children's book of 2018. Cue the fanfare! Dear Sister is full of heart and truth. Anyone who has ever had a sibling will instantly recognize the feelings that surround that relationship. Both the simple text and the whimsical drawings combine to further the story of one adored big brother and his often annoying, clingy little sister. This book made me laugh out loud and clasp my hand to my heart (seriously.) I loved it from beginning to end and I am eager to share it with anyone, young or old, who has ten to fifteen minutes to spend on a story that you will surely treasure. The target audience listed in the advanced copy I received is listed as ages 10 and up. The vocabulary is fairly simple and the sibling relationship so universal I think younger readers will be able to comprehend its meaning. Comparable to Toy Story 3 in terms of "the feels" teens and adults will undoubtedly resonate with both Brother and Sister.

Rebecca Ann says

What a sweet book. This is a 20 minute read for most adults, and is chock full of adorable drawings. Each page has no more than a paragraph of text formated like letters the main character is writing to his sister! As the story progresses the letters change in tone and the drawing become more mature to show the passage of time.

Josiphine/Tessa says

Very sweet. I enjoyed it, but I'm not sure how much it will stick in my memory.
