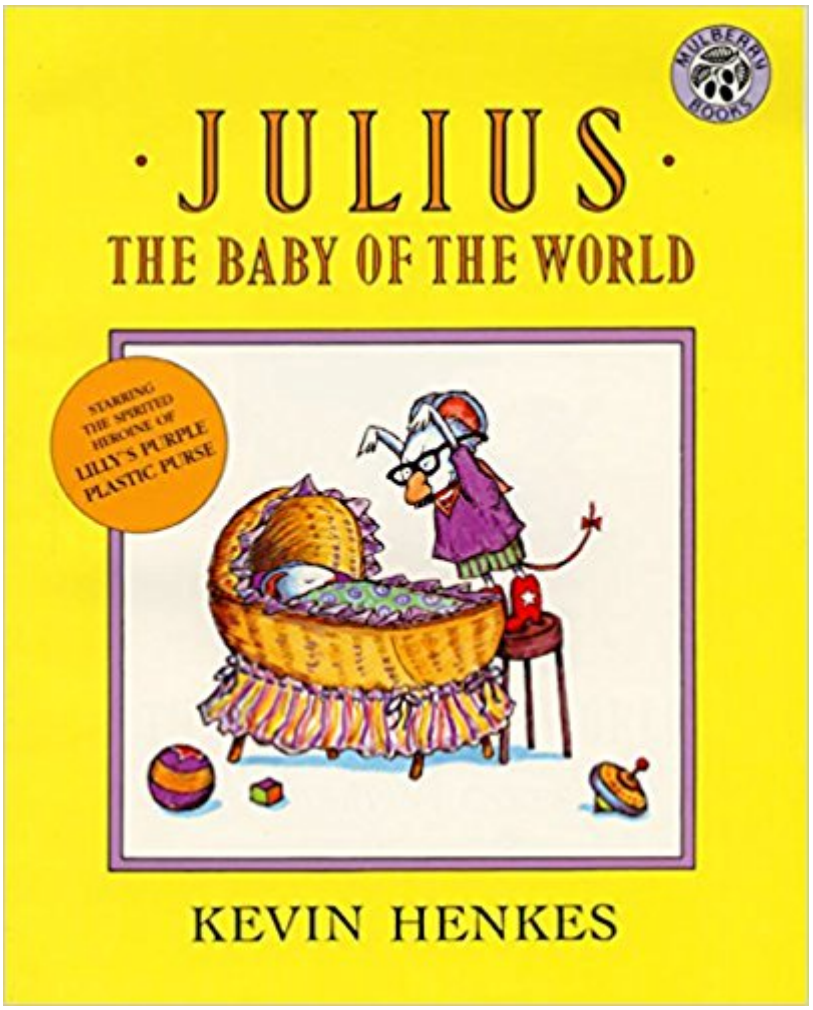
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Julius, The Baby Of The World



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Synopsis

The riotously funny Lilly, last seen in Chester's Way (Greenwillow), thinks her new baby brother, Julius, is disgusting -- if he was a number, he would be zero. But when Cousin Garland dares to criticize Julius, Lilly bullies her into loudly admiring Julius as the baby of the world.Lilly knows her baby brother is nothing but dreadful -- until she claims him for her own. "Henkes displays a deep understanding of sibling rivalry and a child's fragile self-esteem....Lilly is a superb and timely heroine." -- Publishers Weekly. "

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 4

Customer Reviews

For children who are facing the arrival of a new sibling, Julius, the Baby of the World makes for great biblio-therapy. At first, big sister Lilly thought it might be fun to have a new baby in the family. But when her parents repeatedly coo, "Julius is the baby of world," Lilly's mouse hackles begin to rise. Soon the jealousy is too much for her, and she embarks on a rejection campaign that is hysterically funny, but also comforting for siblings who probably feel just as much resentment but would never go to Lilly's extremes. Kevin Henkes, creator of Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse refuses to shy away from the truly powerful and sometimes dark feelings of children. Through bright watercolors and handwritten, cartoon-style dialogue, Henkes relishes Lilly's wickedness. For

example, she delights in insulting her oblivious baby brother: "If you were a food, you'd be a raisin," she whispers into his crib. "If you were a number you'd be zero." When she paints an elaborate family portrait, she leaves Julius out. When she throws a tea party, guess which baby doesn't get an invitation? But when a visiting cousin starts insulting baby Julius, we discover that the flip side of Lilly's intense jealousy is an even more powerful and lasting loyalty. ALA Notable Book, ALA Booklist Children's Editors' Choice, Horn Book Fanfare Honor List, Parent's Choice Honor for Literature. (Baby to Preschool) --Gail Hudson --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

PW commended Henkes for displaying "a deep understanding of sibling rivalry and a child's fragile self-esteem" in this hilarious and refreshing twist on the familiar theme of a new baby in the family. Ages 3-up. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Back when our kids were little and I worked at their grade school library, I would bring this book home to read to them, and they loved it. My husband would read Lily's words in a silly voice and I would be the narrator. So, it was a great family event to read this book. I've been giving it to the grandparents of a new baby in a family of older children as a gift. Some reviewers giving this book a low score mention that they feel the book describes the big sister acting totally inappropriately and saying mean things to the new baby. Sorry, but this pretty much happens in real life. But in the book and in real life, the parents keep encouraging the big sister to be nice and say nice things, and in the end-----she does and hopefully all the big brothers and sisters in the real world do, too!

I purchased this book to use for a vocabulary lesson for my first grade students. The story itself is very cute. It is about a girl who gets a baby brother and doesn't understand why he gets all the attention. This would be great to get for a child who is about to become a first time sibling or loose their youngest in the family position. All Kevin Henkes books are perfect for vocabulary lessons, he typically uses the same style of writing throughout his books. Students love the stories and pictures. I would say every teacher should have a copy in their personal library!

This book is hysterical. Would be especially great as a gift for a family expecting a second child. The illustrations are out of this world.

Well written, cute and very funny.Kevin Henkes is fantastic!

This book is amazing- Kevin Henkes does not disappoint in this delightful story!! We always purchase a copy for older siblings when a new sibling joins the family! You will LOVE it!!

Although I like th concept of the book, it dwells far too long on the negative part of the story... The older brother resenting the younger. Since none of my children experienced this kind of resentment I didn't want to expose them to this hard lesson of life page after page after page. I'd recommended this only for 4th grade and higher unless it's getting you through this type of problem.

A lovely book!

This is a good book, but a bit advanced for a beginning first grade reader. It has alot more words than books like "Owen's Marshmallow Chick".

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