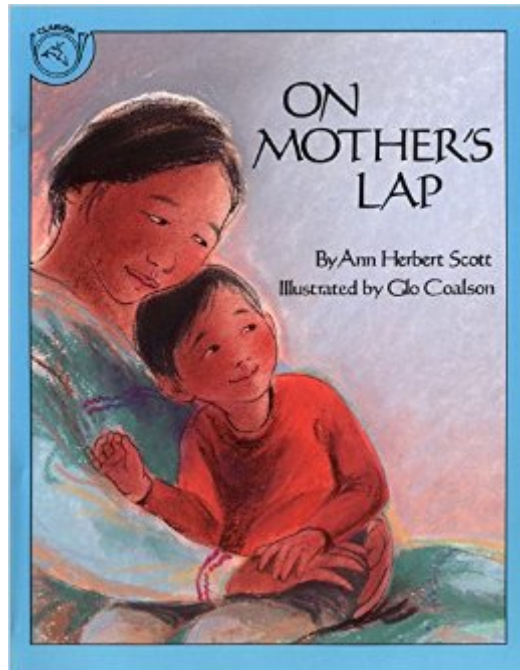


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# On Mother's Lap



## Synopsis

A little Inuit boy discovers there's room for himself and his baby sister on their mother's lap.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Many of our friends and family are in the time of life when the families are expanding, so a book to soften the blow to a newly de-throned older sibling is just the thing. When we visit a family with a present for a new baby, I ALWAYS make sure I have this book in hand for the older child. The only thing I vary is which version I give (hardcover, paperback and board book based on the age of the child). The book is full of incredibly beautiful images of a simple life with text that is rhythmic and flowing. It exudes love and caring without being smothering or indulgent. It reinforces the idea that a new sibling, rather than being an annoyance, actually adds to the joy that is family life! It is, far and away, the best of the books I have seen on the subject and I've looked at dozens! We even have several that were given to my son when my daughter was born, however, this is the only one that stayed in our reading repertoire. The children still sometimes go back to it (and mine are 6 and 8 now). "There's always room... on Mother's lap" was nearly a mantra in our house for a number of years!

This book was a present from a friend to my son who was 2 at the time my daughter was born. The

children are now 5 and 3, respectively. It continues as a favorite from amongst the now hundreds of books on their shelves. Not only is this book a wonderful lesson of sharing and love ("There's always room on Mother's lap" has become a mantra in our house), but it is also a lovely book filled with beautiful images of everyday Inuit life. I'm now buying a copy for another friend of mine who is expecting her second child.

This is my first-ever review. I have a new baby at home and a toddler as well as a pre-teen. I studied children's literature in college and have accumulated my share of picture books throughout the years. How have I NEVER heard of this book before. It just came in the mail as a gift from a friend. It may be my favorite children's book to date. This is the perfect gift for any new big brother/sister. Our family is blessed to have received it as a gift. You must read it.

I purchased this book based on the glowing reviews, but I had my doubts about whether or not my rambunctious 2.5-year-old would be interested. I had nothing to worry about -- my son could not love this book more, and neither could I. It is a treasure for us to enjoy together. It helps us talk about love in a way that he can understand. What a rare gift! The pictures are understated and gorgeous. They tell a story my son can understand. I love reading this book with him and asking him what's happening in each picture and what could happen next. "Puppy's awake! Puppy is watching! Puppy wants to rock!" Etc. He just gets it. I'm currently expecting my second child and found this book while looking for big brother/new baby titles. In terms of preparing my son for the upcoming emotional reality of being one of two kids, I feel like this book is among the best I purchased. With no new baby yet, there's still no telling how my son will react or what we'll learn has been useful preparation. But I can't imagine better preparation than the message in this book, communicated in a way my son understands.

I read this book to my children until they were WAY too big to sit in my lap. The peaceful, soft, happy pictures are irresistible, and the cozy togetherness is a feeling we can't get enough of. While teaching my first English class to a group of adult refugees from southeast Asia, I chose this book to read aloud. I wanted to share a happy book that would show them new things and new words (Snow! Eskimos!) They had suffered and lost so much. I hoped that On Mother's Lap would be okay for them, even though it's a children's book. All the adults listened, transfixed. Afterward, they thanked me and some of them hugged me. One woman quietly repeated "back and forth, back and forth they rocked," smiling and rocking. Words and illustrations that put peace and sweetness into a

refugee's heart. I can't give a book higher praise than that.

This book is cute. Cute illustrations. It is about a little boy feeling jealous of his new sibling and bringing all sorts of toys onto mom's lap and saying there is no room for the sibling. Mom then makes room for the baby along with everything else and helps the boy see there is still room for him. It did not come in the condition the seller said it would be, it was defined as excellent but it is an old library book and has seen better days. However the price was fabulous, so I guess I cannot complain.

I got this book to prepare my 14-month old for the arrival of his new sibling. He likes the book and I rock "back and forth" as I read it to him. I change "Mother" to "Mommy" when I read it. I purchased this book because it seemed to be the only "new baby" book I could find in which the characters are brown in complexion - I thought this might be easier for my son to relate to since we are also brown. This book is beautiful, although it's kind of serious and I prefer a more lighthearted approach for a small kid.

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