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Leon is worried. There's a new baby penguin in his home. And though Marcel is sleeping in his crib now, he can't stay there forever. But where can they put him? Mama's arms are way too big to cuddle a tiny baby penguin. It's definitely too scary high up on Daddy's shoulders for him. And as anyone can see, when Daddy is on one side and Mama on the other, with Leon in the middle, there's no room for anyone else. ?We can't put a baby penguin anywhere ...? Leon says. Is there a place that's just right for a little brother penguin to go?

In this endearing and cozy picture book, author and illustrator Émile Jadoul poignantly captures the worries and evolving feelings that arise when a new baby enters the family of a young child. The sweet story is told with sensitivity and gentle humor from the child's perspective, allowing young readers' understanding to grow along with Leon's, as he eventually figures out where and how a new sibling will fit into his family. The uncomplicated artwork is charming and expressive and a perfect complement to the limited text, conveying simply and realistically the emotions of the story. This book would make a wonderful starting point for a conversation about becoming a new big brother or sister, a common experience for preschoolers and kindergartners. A cozy read-aloud, it also lends itself to exploring growing up or family life, or a character education lesson on adaptability.

## No Room for Baby! Details

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## From Reader Review No Room for Baby! for online ebook

### Ivonne Rovira says

“You know, Mama, your arms are way too big for a baby penguin. But they are just the right size to cuddle *me*,” Leon says....

“*See!* Daddy on one side, Mama on the other ... and me in the middle. There’s no room for anyone else!”

“We can’t put a baby penguin anywhere,” Leon says.

So you see how it is. Little penguin Leon frets that his new brother Marcel will displace him in his own home — and, worse still, with his parents. But in the skillful hands of author and illustrator Émile Jadoul, the surprising ending will satisfy both parents and any newly minted big brother or sister anxious about the new arrival. With such delightful pictures and the beautiful story, I highly recommend reading this book — even if, as in my case, your baby brother is now 57 years old! (I love you, Frankie!)

In the interest of full disclosure, I received this book from NetGalley and Kids Can Press in exchange for an honest review.

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### Nada Loughead says

Won this on Goodreads. Sweet story of welcoming a baby into the home.

<http://www.bookcrossing.com/journal/1...>

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### Magy says

Leon's little brother Marcel has finally come! But there is a problem. Leon does not know where Marcel will go. Certainly not in Leon's room. Mama's lap and arms are a perfect fit for Leon, not a baby. Daddy's shoulders are too high. Will Leon ever find a place for his little brother?

No Room for Baby! is a sweet story about a sibling finding it difficult to welcome a new family member. It's a great book to have on hand when your family is expanding.

\*A copy of this book was provided free of charge for an honest review.

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### W.A. Ashes says

No Room for Baby was okay, but it wasn't my favorite children's book. It does a good job of going through the jealousy issues new older siblings can have when a baby is brought home, but I read this book to a group

of 1st graders and there was a page that gave them all a heart attack. I kid you not. They all gasped. The page after that fixes the freak out it calls and gives the story a happy ending, but for a brief moment the kids thought that poor baby wasn't going to make it.

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### **Ilonita50 says**

I received this e-arc for an honest review from Kids Can Press, thank you!

The book is following in the series of little Leon, this is another one telling about important situation in Leon's life. He has a little brother who is so tiny and gives Leon non-stop worry. Where his parents are going to place him, is he going to stay in that one place forever? So far Leon is really clues what is going to happen to his brother, because overlooking his everyday life, he knows he is the one who takes all place and parents attention. There is no place for Marcel. Leon is a boy who analyses and thinks a lot. He has wonderful parents that guides him with love and eventually Leon knows that he is there for Marcel.

I found the story very important to the families who are expecting second child and the firstborn is at the age to ask and think about this huge event non-stop or worry how the life is going to change. The illustrations are lovely and the text gives an open place for parents to talk through the story, answering all "if's". I really enjoyed the book!

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### **Storywraps says**

This sweet book is about a little penguin named Leon. His new baby brother Marcel is now home and Leon worries that there is no place to put him. The sweet baby boy is fine now in his bassinet but after he outgrows that where in the world is he going to go?

Leon explores all the options that he can think of: no... not on Mama's lap because it's already taken by him, no... not on Daddy's shoulders because they are way too high up and that would be dangerous to the little guy, and NOOOOOOO not in his room. That's definitely off limits because?.... well?.... it's HIS room that's why!

Can this dilemma be solved and can Marcel find the perfect place for him settle into in his new home?

The characters are simply adorable and the text is very simple. The story is told from a child's perspective and covers the anxieties and worries that come along with a brand new family member being brought home to stay forever. The story is emotional and common to each household that experiences a new birth in their midst. This is the perfect book to start a conversation about what it would be like to have a brand new brother or sister. The heartwarming tale is one to snuggle down with and read as an entire family together.

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### **Sabrina Kaye Fox says**

A very cute short story about a penguin concerned with where his baby penguin little brother will stay at. After worrying that his mother's arms are too big, and thinking his father's shoulders are too high, he decides

that the baby will have enough room in his arms and accepts him gratefully.

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### **John says**

I like this book, but I wonder why he's not very nice. And I'll tell you why he wasn't very nice: he said "No room for baby!" He didn't want her to sleep with **him**, but I like Addy to be around when I'm asleep, like on Halloween I'm very spooked and even though I know that Addy is with me I am still scared and I still want to sneak into Mommy and Papa's bedroom.

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### **Rebecca says**

This is a cute book for new big brothers/sisters. I really liked the illustrations. The crayon gave the pictures a nice texture. One of the things that I especially liked about this book is that it isn't your typical "I'm the jealous older sibling" storyline. The baby shouldn't go on Daddy's shoulders because it is simply too high—not because it is a place only reserved for Leon. Leon's solution to where to put the baby is heartwarming and shows that he genuinely cares about his new little brother.

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### **Cindy Mitchell \*Kiss the Book\* says**

Jadoul, Emile *No Room for Baby!* PICTURE BOOK Kids Can Press, 2017. \$16.99 Content: G.

Leon the penguin is worried about sharing his parents with his new baby brother Marcel. Leon laments that his parents don't have enough room on their laps or in their arms for such a small penguin, but Leon is the perfect size. When Marcel wakes up and cries, Leon offers to hold him because Leon has the perfect size arms to hold a baby penguin.

This is a simple and adorable book about new siblings. The illustrations are basic and not very detailed, but the simple art work expresses the penguins' emotions great. This is a cute read if you need another book about welcoming a new brother or sister.

PRE-K, EL (K-3) – OPTIONAL. Reviewer, C. Peterson.

<https://kissthebook.blogspot.com/2017...>

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### **Carla Johnson-Hicks says**

This cute book is about a little penguin named Leon. He has a new baby brother, Marcel. Marcel is sweet sleeping in his bassinet, but Leon is worried where he will go when he gets too big? Leon does not want to share his room, his mother's lap or his father's shoulders. He even thinks his mother's arms are too long for such a tiny baby. Where does Marcel fit?

The characters are adorable and the text is very simple. The story is told from Leon's perspective and

demonstrate the normal worries that come along with a brand new sibling brought home to stay forever. This is a wonderful book to read with children that are expecting a new baby to be born soon and brought home. It is a simple story that will help alleviate worries and anxieties that are not simple. The publisher generously provided me with a copy of this book via Netgalley.

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### **Jason Stanley says**

Leon is a toddler penguin who is not too sure about having a new baby brother. As long as the infant Marcel is in his crib, Leon is okay with him. But once the baby cries, and mom and dad's attention are taken away, Leon begins describing all the ways in which there is no room for a baby.

The Penguin family lives in a spacious igloo with all the trappings of a human home that would be familiar to a toddler. This familiarity along with the cartoon style illustrations, make it appealing to the listening toddler.

Despite Leon's hesitantly about Marcel living in his home, Leon does find one place that is big enough for the baby. Leon's arms are just the right size.

This is the perfect solution. And Leon figured it out all on his own.

Read more at: <http://jasonstanley.com/book-review-...>

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### **Stephanie Bange says**

A warm story, just perfect for an only child/older sibling who is experiencing a new baby in the family. While the concept is not new, the story about this young penguin is told with a fresh tenderness and shows a happy resolution for him (which may/may not be the case in real life!). Artwork is done in black pencil crayons and oil, with a very limited color palette of black, white, and green with touches of pink (in rosy circle cheeks), yellow (beaks), and other colors here and there. Makes you just want to pinch one of those cute cheeks!

If your books about bringing home the new baby to your baby are worn, this will be a pleasant replacement suggestion.

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### **Cheriee Weichel says**

This charming book is translated from French. I haven't read the rest in this series, but I am completely charmed by this one.

Leon, a young penguin, has a new baby in his house. He is very worried about how the new baby will fit in the house and family. His mother only has room for him on her lap. His father's shoulders are much to high for a baby. Leon fits perfectly between his mother and his father, so how can they accommodate a newborn? When baby Marcel cries, Leon figures out where his baby brother fits best.

I am delighted by the simple illustrations. This is a story that will appeal to children facing the same predicament as Leon, and their parents will enjoy it also.

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**Dierdre says**

This is a short, but sweet story of Leon. He is a penguin, adjusting to life with a new little brother. In Leon's opinion, there just isn't room anywhere for a new little penguin. Not in his mom's lap for stories, not on Daddy's shoulders, etc. When he hears his little baby brother crying, he may have found the place where there is room for the baby. This book is a nice story of a sibling accepting a new member of the family. The illustrations are minimal and the book is not too wordy, especially for the new big brother or sister that is just a couple years older.

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