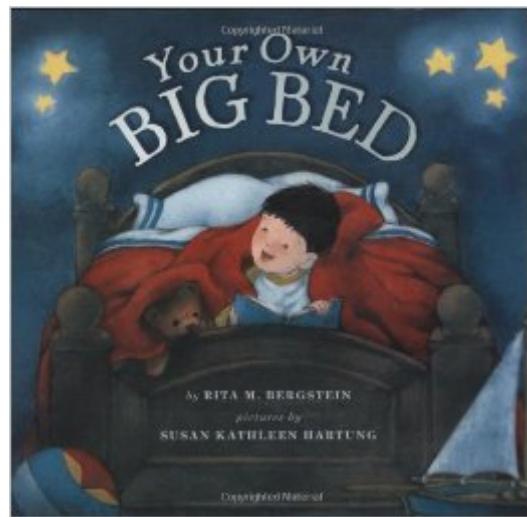


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# Your Own Big Bed



## **Synopsis**

Celebrate the move from a crib to a big bed! Chip! Chip! Baby sea turtle grew too big for her shell. And you grew and grew until you were too big for your mother's tummy. A little boy learns that the animals around him? at the beach, at the zoo, and on his family?small farm?are growing bigger and bigger. He is growing too, and soon he leaves his crib for his very own big bed! From debut author Rita M. Bergstein comes this encouraging story?paired with gentle, luminous illustrations by Susan Kathleen Hartung?about an important milestone in a child?s life.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

We wanted to gently transition our son into sleeping in his own bed in his own room, and so many books we looked at focused on the negative: about how it was scary, or how the protagonist would rather sleep with mommy, or how many stuffed animals it took to keep the monsters out. This book was such a great find! It's gentle in tone, with beautiful pictures, and really helps make the transition into part of being "a big boy." I wanted to review this so other mommies knew this one was worth checking out. Perfect for attachment parenting types, or for those who just want to make the transition easy on sensitive children. We are so glad we found this.

My toddler recently discovered that he could vault out of his crib and demonstrated the following evening that he had no intention of remaining caged. So, we had to transition immediately, with no buildup and no desire on his part to change his bed. We took the side off the crib, toddlerproofed his room, and I made a beeline to the library for books to help explain what was going on.

Unfortunately, all the "big boy bed" books I could find were about how big and scary the new bed was, how the protagonist was afraid of being eaten by the bed, how the protagonist would much rather get up and roam the house at night than have to sleep in that giant bed, et cetera. Not what we were in the market for. We still have the same bed, just.... different. (The kid is pretty cheezed off about the change.) The librarians recommended this book, and it's been exactly what I was looking for. It is true that in the last pictures, dad is disassembling the crib and the boy goes to sleep in a twin bed, but the tone of the story is, look how all the little animals are getting bigger and bigger. The newborn turtle gets too big for his shell, the baby gets too big to be carried everywhere, the foal gets so big she needs her own stall. At the end, we tell him, and you got too big to sleep in a crib. It's sad that your crib had to change, but that's part of growing up. There are lots of new and exciting things but it's also sad to leave some things behind. (Of course, I can't finish the darn book without choking up, so that's a little inconvenient, but not the book's problem.) In summary: if you're looking for a gentle, monster free book that's appropriate for conversion of a convertible crib, this should work for you.

As our 20 month-old had recently decided to superman himself out of his crib, we bought this book to help us with a transition to a toddler bed. As his new baby sister had been born just weeks before, we were dreading moving him from his crib (one more thing for him to deal with). We read this book several times a day in the week prior to the switch. The day we put his bed in his room, he ran over, yelled "BIG BED," jumped in and slept through the night. The transition hasn't been perfect, but whenever it gets tricky, we pull this book out again and it really seems to help. The book itself is beautiful, with gorgeous illustrations. Plus, it really helps little one see that their bed is just another step. Highly recommend!!

While I love the illustrations and great animal references, I was hoping this book would focus more on the boy moving to his big boy bed than it did. The only reference to moving to a big boy bed comes at the very end. It's still a good read, but not a book I would buy to help a toddler truly understand needing to move to his big boy bed, the connections are a bit hard to make for a child of 18-24 months.

I bought this book for my 28-month-old daughter to help get her excited about moving to a twin bed from her crib. It is a lovely and original book that explains several transitions in the lives of baby animals and a child, like from their being born to taking their first steps to sleeping in their own

space. It was especially nice because it wasn't another babyish, superficial or patronizing "Rah-rah you're so big and you're going to LOVE this big change in your life because it's so great!" kind of book like so many kids books are. It was logical and mature and straightforward. It drew parallels from nature to show a child that everything grows and part of growing up is achieving specific milestones (the ultimate milestone of the book, of course, was getting a bed). My daughter loved the book from the first time we read it and now reads it every night in her new big bed. She seems to connect with the story; it seems to make her feel proud of her own big bed. I definitely recommend this book for kids over the age of 2.

I bought this for my 7 year old who somehow crept back into our bed and needs to transition out--he has a fear of being alone at night. So I bought this to help him understand that sleeping in your big kid bed is part of growing up and everyone does it. Unfortunately, this book presumes the child still sleeps in a crib. So I won't be able to read this to my son--because it's a baby book. If your child is transitioning from a crib, the book is probably just perfect. It explains about different baby animals outgrowing more independent from their mothers.

When we transitioned our then two-year-old out of the crib and into a toddler bed, we had trouble!! We purchased this book and it made a HUGE difference for our son. He loves reading it and we read it every night for months. It seemed to have the ability to comfort him. He really enjoyed pointing out all the different places the animals were sleeping and then he would be delighted when he pointed to the boy in his own big bed. I would HIGHLY recommend this book to anyone!!

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