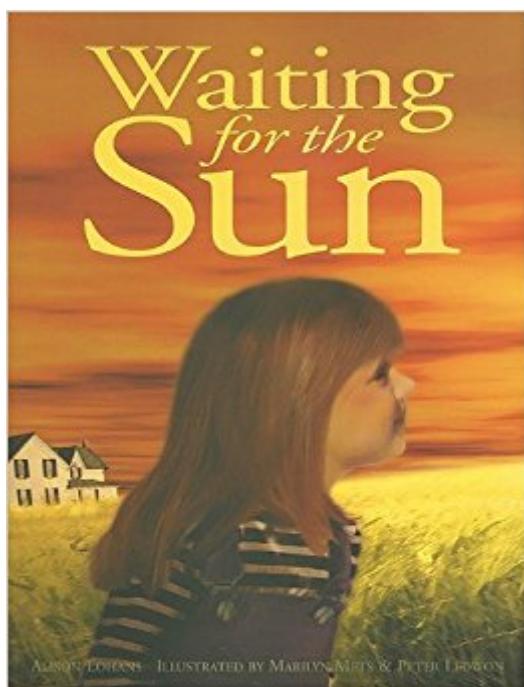


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Waiting For The Sun (Northern Lights Books For Children)



Synopsis

Alison Lohans is the author of over 12 published books. Nine of these have appeared on the Canadian Children's Book Centre "Our Choice" List; two won Young Readers' Choice awards, and 10 have been short-listed for various other awards. Alison has recently been serving as Writer-in-Residence at Regina Public Library. She is active in numerous writing organizations, and also enjoys time with her family. Her favourite leisure activity is playing her cello.

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Kindergarten-Grade 2-Mollie is eagerly awaiting the birth of her new sibling. When she snuggles against her mom in the morning, she feels it move. Later, she walks around the farm to catch tadpoles, pick tomato worms, and listen to the chickens cackle, expecting that all these things will please the baby. In the wee hours of the morning, when her brother finally arrives, Mollie thinks he looks ugly and realizes he won't appreciate the tadpoles or the tomato worms. Then her father puts the newborn in her arms and he wakes up to look at her. "Now he wasn't ugly, not at all." Realistic illustrations, rendered in computer-enhanced color photographs, allow readers to feel as though they are part of Mollie's story. This is a warm, engaging tale of anticipation, hope, disappointment, and hope again from the perspective of an older sister, contributing pleasantly to "new sibling" literature. Be Astengo, Alachua County Library, Gainesville, FL Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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I teach childbirth classes and bought this as a reference for my students but also for my own child who will have a sibling soon. It utilizes the concept of a home birth attended by a midwife, and so may not be the appropriate choice for everyone. The illustrations are very lifelike and have a vivid color palette. The girl in the story is somewhat impatient for her sibling's birth and thinks of all the things she will show the baby. Once the baby is born she realizes he is too small for that. Her initial reaction to the newborn is typical for many children (uncertain, not what they expected a new baby to look like, etc.) but that soon melts into interest and a budding love as they experience the sunrise together. A sweet story and worthy read, even for younger children (mine is just over 2 and has sat through it a few times).

I bought this book for my children, ages 5, 3, and 1, in anticipation of the homebirth of our next baby. They enjoyed the times I read it to them. It doesn't cover anything about the birth itself, just follows the thoughts and feelings of a little girl whose mommy is soon to have a baby at home, and her thoughts about the baby after it's born. Cute and enjoyable story.

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