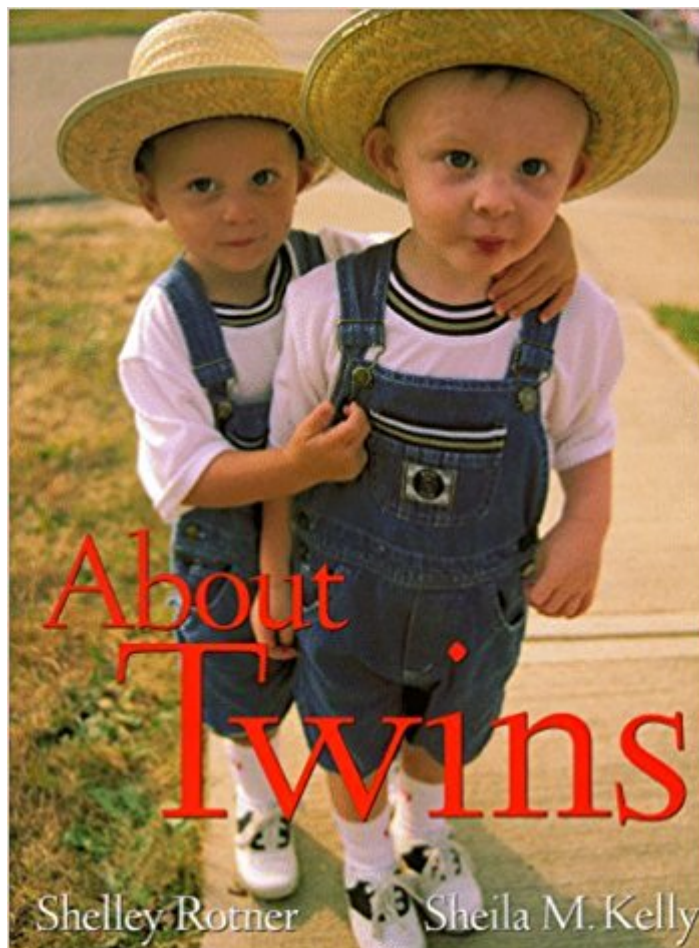


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# About Twins



## Synopsis

An imaginative (and imaginatively designed) book on a perennially popular topic. Some twins look alike. Some don't. Sometimes both are boys. Sometimes both are girls. Sometimes there's one of each. It's special to be a twin. Elegant photos plus simple, insightful text make *About Twins* the only book that lets young readers enter the close-knit world of twins. Real quotes from real twins plus a note from a parent and an introduction from co-author Sheila M. Kelly make this an ideal book for anyone who is a twin--or has ever wished to be one.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 3-Packed with full-color photos of smiling siblings, this book provides a look at what it's like to be a twin. Using simple language, the authors stress the close relationship that develops between identical and fraternal twins while pointing out that they are also individuals. Quotes taken from interviews with children (e.g., "My twin always understands me" or "Other people might be lonely. We hardly ever are") are interspersed throughout, adding a personal touch to the text. The book has a crisp, open layout: full-page photos alternate with smaller portraits set against pastel backgrounds. Featuring many different youngsters of a variety of ages, the pictures show twins sharing hugs, wrestling for toys, and posing together proudly. Similar in content and tone to Elaine Scott's *Twins!* (Atheneum, 1998), this appealing photo-essay is a good discussion starter for

families of twins and a fine introduction for children curious about them. Joy Fleishhacker, School Library Journal Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Excellent color photographs of twins at all stages of childhood amplify and extend a simple, straightforward text about what it means to be a twin. Facts about twins ("Twins are almost always born on the same day and have the same parents") are mixed with quotes ostensibly from twins ("Other people might be lonely, but we hardly ever are"). The authors strive to make clear that twins don't always feel the same, think the same, or dress the same--that they are different people. This is a difficult concept to show in photographs, and many of these portraits show twins doing the same thing (such as reading books, jumping into a lake) and wearing the same clothing. But the photographs will compel youngsters to study these children and note their differences. In the end, the book demonstrates the essential thing about twins: that they are there for each other in a way that is far different from ordinary siblings. The authors' note to parents adds to the book's value.

Kathy Broderick

Didn't realize how old it was, but okay.

It is a charming book with beautiful photo illustrations. It carries a very simple but important message that even very young children can enjoy. It is my very favorite picture book about twins.

I have given this book to both the preschool and kindergarten classes of my twin boys on their birthdays. Their teachers appreciate this book with great photos and captions. Many schools suggest sharing books rather than treats on special days. This book helps classmates look at twins as individuals and not a matched set, answers common questions, and opens discussions of single vs twins, and siblings vs twins.

There are plenty of books about twins for adult readers; this appeals to young picturebook readers with a photo-filled account of twins and their differences and similarities. This much-needed book is a 'must' for any collection seeking family-oriented books: it helps siblings understand the different possibilities and personalities of twins.

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