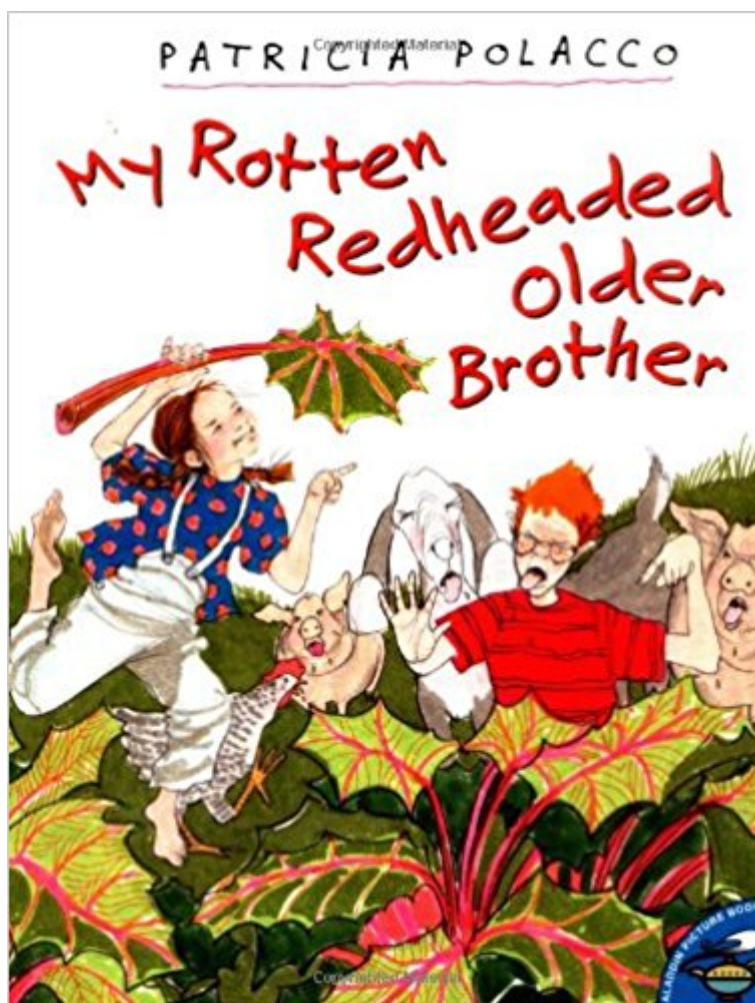


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# My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother (Aladdin Picture Books)



## Synopsis

After losing running, climbing, throwing, and burping competitions to her obnoxious older brother, a young girl makes a wish on a falling star.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

A girl burdened with a bratty big brother tries to do something, anything, better than he can. "The text rings true with the authentic battling words of childhood spats," said PW. Ages 4-8. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

PreSchool-Grade 3-Featuring an obnoxious, freckle-faced, bespectacled boy and a comforting, tale-telling grandmother, this autobiographical story is as satisfying as a warm slice of apple pie. Patricia can't quite understand how anyone could possibly like her older brother Richard. Whether picking blackberries or eating raw rhubarb, he always manages to outdo her, rubbing it in with one of his "extra-rotten, weasel-eyed, greeny-toothed grins." When their Bubbie teaches Patricia to wish on a falling star, she knows just what to ask for. The next day her wish comes true; although dizzy, she remains on the carnival merry-go-round longer than Richard. Her nemesis turns into her hero, however, when she takes a spill and he carries her home. This warm-hearted look at a typical family

relationship will strike a familiar chord with siblings of all ages. The endless "can so/cannot" arguments and the girl's total exasperation make the dialogue entertaining and realistic. Bubbie's musings are more poetic, adding a sense of wonder to the everyday tone of the text. Polacco's exuberant illustrations, done in marking pens and pencil, are filled with warmth and humor. Pointing angrily at one another or quietly cuddling against Bubbie's heart, the characters are carefully posed to reflect the story's varying moods. Barnyard animals provide an amusing backdrop to the children's antics, puckering their faces at the sour rhubarb and smiling sweetly at a tender moment. Black-and-white photographs of Patricia and Richie at different ages are scattered across the endpapers, adding the final touch to this endearing reminiscence. Joy Fleishhacker, New York Public Library Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Patricia Polacco is one of my favorite children's authors! I am retired now, but when teaching it was a joy to introduce her books to my students. My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother, along with many others, are absolutely wonderful stories for encouraging a love of reading from young ones!!! I ordered this one for my soon to be great niece.

great book

Funny

I use this book in my classroom. It is a good reminder that people who aggravate also may love and care for us.

I love Patricia Polacco and this book is perfect. I think I related to it because my rotten redheaded brother was my baby brother.

My students loved this personal narrative which has a heart-warming message about sibling love. It was a great starting point for a poignant and dynamic conversation.

Kids like the book. Although, on the Kindle app on iPad, we could not figure out how to access the audio, which is what the kids wanted to be able to hear and follow along when mom and dad aren't around to read to them.

Excellent book

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