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A hilarious companion to *I Wanna Iguana*.

Ever since their baby sister came along, Alex has been forced to share a room with his little brother, Ethan, and it's a nightmare. Ethan always breaks stuff, snores like a walrus, and sticks crayons up his nose. No hardworking, well-behaved, practically grown-up boy like Alex should have to put up with that! Writing letters to his mom convinced her to let him get his pet iguana, so Alex puts pencil to paper again, this time determined to get his own room. Though all of his powers of persuasion can't get his dad to expand the house, he does come through with a fun alternative to give Alex some space of his own.

I Wanna New Room Details

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Kayla DeRemer says

To many older siblings, this book can be very relatable. Because of the new baby, Alex is forced to share a room with his younger brother. Although this may seem fun to share your room, Alex can not stand all the snoring and destruction his room. Since writing to letters to his mom has worked in the past. He thought it would be a great idea to write letters to his mom asking for a new room. Through persuasion, they finally figure out a plan for Alex. I thought this was a great book because it can teach kids about how to share with their younger siblings. But, it also can show students an example of persuasive writing.

Angie Carter says

Great for children who have to share a room with their sibling.

Concetta Kellough says

I love this book. It's written as letters between a child and his parents as to why he thinks he needs his own room. It's very cute with wonderful illustrations.

babyhippoface says

Too cute! Alex (from *I Wanna Iguana* is back, and this time his letter-writing campaign is to convince his parents he needs his own room back. New baby sister Annie's arrival has forced 4-year-old Ethan into Alex's room, and the situation is desperate. (Apparently, Ethan sticks crayons up his nose and barks like a walrus. Can't say as I blame Alex for wanting his own room.)

Lots of humor and persuasive writing, not to mention funny illustrations and a tender moment between Alex and his dad, make this book a winner. Teachers could use this (or the first Alex book) as a model for persuasive writing. Very fun!

Ryan says

For anyone who follows me regularly you know I love David Catrow. His illustrations make any book better. I also love this series. The story is told as letters between a father and his son arguing about why the eldest needs his own room. Love it, Love it, Love it.

Kati says

Loved this book. The letters back & forth, first between Alex and his Mom, then Alex and his Dad, had me

laughing out loud. So adorably realistic, in the way Alex constantly over-exaggerates his stance, his view on things, and how the parental letter comes back with a common sense, though often witty, response. Would very much recommend this book as a read-aloud for a 3rd or 4th grader, perhaps a story-time or such for a small class?? Children that age should be able to find the humor in the situation, probably seeing themselves & their siblings in the situations, while younger kids might not have a sense of humor & gentle sarcasm developed enough to understand.

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Michele Knott says

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What do you do when you want your room back? You write notes back and forth with your parents pleading your case, of course! Kids will enjoy the banter between parent and son, maybe too well (definitely brings me back to some note writing I did as a child...). A baby sister was just born into this family and now the oldest brother, Alex, must share a room with his younger brother, Ethan, so he begins a note writing campaign to get his room back. My favorite was the one he wrote to his mother, to which she responds, "Go bother your father." Now who hasn't heard/said that one before? Laugh out loud funny!

Rebecca Jensen says

Through an interactive journey of letters between a boy and his father, students see the elements of persuasive and argumentative literacy in action. This story teaches an important lesson to the reader about supporting what you want with realistic and valid reasons in an ethical and meaningful medium.

Hannah says

This is story about a young boy who is forced to share a room with his younger sibling whenever a new baby enters their family. He wants his own room.

Thu Nguyen says

I enjoyed reading this book so much even though i dont have any sibling to relate it to. But i can see myself

begging my mom for something and reasoning why i should or shouldn't. I love how the author used the letters to correspond between Alex and his parents and to this little brother Ethan.

It also reminds me that sometimes i wanted something badly, eventually i got it and it wasn't what i really want. Same idea with kids, i need to teach them to please with what they have and be friendly with friends and siblings.

Sheri says

Alex the main character has found letter writing to his parents the way to get a new pet from the previous book I Wanna an Iguana. So he campaigns with letters to his parents and their responses to give him a new room so he doesn't have to share with a younger brother. His baby sister gets his old room and he finally gets a space of his own. He finally decides it is lonely with your own space and he wants someone to interact with. A cute story for kids with new brothers or sisters or sharing a room with another sibling. David Catrow's illustrations of the boy and the things going on are funny and I think the boy looks more like a middle aged man. But his imaginative pictures are great. I recommend this to 5-8 year olds and elementary students writing letters to see how letter writing is done and the structure of letters. And to parents reading stories to their small children.

Jenna Parsons says

This book was very well written and was an easy read. I think the book was perfect to show how there are different ways to persuade. In this book, the child wrote letters to his mother to persuade her for a new room like he did for his pet iguana. I think this is a perfect way to lead to a lesson of creative writing in the classroom.

Sarah says

Written in the form of letters between Alex and his dad. Alex argues to get his own room back after he has had to move in with his little brother because of their new sister. When he gets what he wants, he realizes that maybe that wasn't what he really wanted after all.

This is a companion/sequel to I Wanna Iguana.

David Catrow's illustrations are reminiscent of Stephen Gammell's art; wild, big eye's funny looking characters with lots happening on each page.

Romit Kundu says

My final example on how Alex shows perseverance is when he continues to try to get a new room. For example, in one of the letters he wrote, "Let's not change the subject." Alex Is really eager to get his own room. Alex also writes how it is unfair Annie(His baby sister) gets his own room and he has to share his room. This shows how Alex is persevering.

As you can see, Alex in the book “I Wanna New Room” by Karen Kaufman Orloff shows perseverance throughout the story. From now on I will try to persevere through tough times in my life.
