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Bright and humorous watercolour illustrations are the perfect complement to an original and ultimately warm picture book tale about sibling jealousy disguised as sibling protection. Billy's mum brings home the new baby but another new arrival, in the form of the shadowy Barglebogle, who can't be seen by Mum or Dad, perplexes Billy. When Billy realises the Barglebogle is after the baby and that he is the person who can protect her, he begins a series of battles with the bogeyman. Billy's assertiveness finally sees off the menace for good, enabling him to concentrate on playing with his baby sister. A well-crafted, visually attractive and gentle book to be enjoyed on different levels by children and adults alike. The subtle techniques in the loose watercolour illustrations, outlined in soft pencil, make the book particularly appealing. Unobtrusive political correctness is observed, with 'new man' dad donning an apron to deal with a dirty nappy.

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