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Browne (inventor of Piggybook and Willy the Wimp) is the master surrealist of children's picture books, and this title is one of his most enjoyable disconcerting creations. A boy waits alone in the house while his father is out fetching his mother. Joseph has been told that things are going to change, and sure enough, as he wanders around his familiar home, the objects within it dramatically shape-shift, as if they have become infected with a sinister fertility and are giving birth to secret versions of themselves. Then his parents arrive home, carrying a new baby. First published in hardback in 1990, this wonderful evocation of silent anxiety will provide a bountiful source of spellbound speculation in your classroom.

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