

The Shell Babies

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You never know where your imagination might take you. I bought the baby twins in a dolls-house shop and had them for quite a long time before I discovered that they fit perfectly inside the shell. Suddenly, the story possibilities began to multiply. Who are they? How did they get there? Who picks up a shell one day and discovers the tiny babies inside?

As soon as you start asking questions you are on your way to making a story. After thinking about these two babies, snug in their shell, for a long time I wrote a story called 'The Sea Child' - only one baby found her way into the story and she isn't a baby but a grown girl and she isn't discovered in a shell either...but this is where the story began, with the shell and the wee blanket-wrapped babies from Kristin Baybar...

