

## Children and Divorce

### Picture Books

Bunting, Eve, illustrated by Lisa Papp. ***My Mom's Wedding***. Ju E Bun. Seven-year-old Pinkie has mixed feelings about her divorced mother's wedding especially when she learns that her beloved father will be an attending guest.

Christiansen, C. B., illustrated by Irene Trivas. ***My Mother's House, My Father's House***. Ju E Chr. A child describes having two different houses in which to live, "my mother's house" and "my father's house," and what it is like to travel back and forth between them.

Clarke, Jane, illustrated by Anne Kennedy. ***The Best of Both Nests***. Ju E Cla. Stanley the stork is upset when his parents divorce and his father goes to live in a separate nest.

Coffelt, Nancy, illustrated by Tricia Tusa. ***Fred Stays With Me***. Ju E Cof. A child describes how she lives sometimes with her mother and sometimes with her father, but her dog is her constant companion.

Cole, Babette. ***The Un-Wedding***. Ju E Col. As their parents disagree more and more about everything, Demetrius and Paula Ogglebutt decide that everyone would be happier if they "un-marry."

Girard, Linda Walvoord, illustrated by Judith Friedman. ***At Daddy's on Saturdays***. Ju E Gir. Although her parents' divorce causes her to feel anger, concern, and sadness, Katie discovers that she can keep a loving relationship with her father even though he lives apart from her.

Kroll, Steven, illustrated by Eileen Christelow. ***Annie's Four Grannies***. Ju E Kro. While divorce and remarriage have given Annie four grandmothers, entertaining them all at once presents some problems; but, love of their little granddaughter draws them together in the end.

Stinson, Kathy, illustrated by Nancy Lou Reynolds. ***Mom and Dad Don't Live Together Any More***. Ju E Sti. A little girl and her brother live in an apartment with their mother, and visit their father in the country on weekends. She has a lot of questions and wishes they could all be happy together.

### Fiction for Children and Teens

Alvarez, Julia. ***How Tía Lola Came to Visit Stay***. Ju F Alv. Although ten-year-old Miguel is at first embarrassed by his colorful aunt, Tia Lola, when she comes to Vermont from the Dominican Republic to stay with his mother, his sister, and him after his parents' divorce, he learns to love her.

Blume, Judy. ***It's Not the End of the World***. Ju F Blu. When her parents divorce, a sixth grader struggles to understand that sometimes people are unable to live together.

Brashares, Ann. ***The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants***. Ya F Bra. During their first summer apart, four teenage girls, best friends since earliest childhood, stay in

touch through a shared pair of secondhand jeans that magically adapts to each of their figures and affects their attitudes to their different summer experiences.

Brown, Susan Taylor, ***Hugging the Rock***. Ju F Bro. Through a series of poems, Rachel expresses her feelings about her parents' divorce, living without her mother, and her changing attitude towards her father.

Christopher, Matt. ***The Fox Steals Home***. Ju F Chr. Already troubled by his parent's divorce, Bobby Canfield is further distressed when he learns that his father, who has coached him in running bases, intends to move away.

Cleary, Beverly. ***Strider***. Ju F Cle. In a series of diary entries, Leigh tells how he comes to terms with his parents' divorce, acquires joint custody of an abandoned dog, and joins the track team at school.

Cooney, Caroline B. ***Family Reunion***. YA F Co. At a family reunion, Shelley comes to terms with her parents' divorce, her mother's absence, her new stepmother, and being the "stable" member of her colorful family.

Danziger, Paula. ***Amber Brown Series***. Ju F Dan. In this series, Amber deals with the changes that come with growing up, including making and losing friends, entering new grades, and her parents' divorce.

Deuker, Carl. ***Night Hoops***. YA F Deu. While trying to prove that he is good enough to on his high school's varsity basketball team, Nick must also deal with his parents' divorce and the erratic behavior of a troubled classmate who lives across the street.

Fine, Anne. ***Alias Madame Doubtfire*** Ju F Fin. Miranda's three children thoroughly enjoy their huge, overdressed baby sitter/cleaning woman who is actually their father in disguise, and they dread the day when their mother discovers Madame Doubtfire is really her ex-husband.

Hurwitz, Johanna. ***DeDe Takes Charge!*** Ju F Hur. A year after her father has left home for good, fifth-grader DeDe helps her mother cope with the realities of life after divorce.

Hurwitz, Johanna. ***One Small Dog***. Ju F Hur. Curtis gets a dog when his parents divorce, but his beloved new dog causes problems that he did not expect.

Kelly, Katy. ***Lucy Rose: Big On Plans***. JU F Kel. Lucy Rose records in her diary her special summer plans--to make a keychain for her mother, to help decorate the living room, to prevent her parents' divorce, to vanquish some squirrels, and to enjoy a ninth birthday adventure with her father.

McDonald, Megan. ***Meet Julie: An American Girl***. JU F Ame. In 1974, after Julie's parents divorce, she moves to a new San Francisco neighborhood where the school does not have a girls' basketball team, so she fights for the right to play on the boys' team.

Osborne, Mary Pope. ***Last One Home***. Ju F Osb. Twelve-year-old Bailey struggles with her feelings of loneliness after her parents' divorce when her father plans to remarry and her brother prepares to leave for the service.

Park, Barbara. ***Don't Make Me Smile***. Ju F Par. A young boy has trouble adjusting to his parent's divorce.

Paulsen, Gary. ***Hatchet: A Novel***. YA F Pau, Ju F Pau. After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

Southgate, Martha. ***Another Way to Dance***. YA PB Sou. While spending the summer at the School of American Ballet in New York City, fourteen-year-old Vicki Harris must come to terms with the reality of her parents' divorce, her crush on Mikhail Baryshnikov, and the impact of being an African American on her future as a dancer.

Ure, Jean. ***Skinny Melon and Me***. Ju F Ure. Cherry keeps a diary about her parents' divorce, her new stepfather Roland Butter who draws rebuses for her, and the coming stepbrother or stepsister.

Voigt, Cynthia. ***Bad, Badder, Baddest***. Ju F Voi. When fifth graders Mikey and Margalo devise a plan to prevent Mikey's parents from getting a divorce, the two friends find their scheme foiled by a new girl at school.

Weeks, Sarah. ***Guy Time***. Ju F Wee. A humorous account of thirteen-year-old Guy's dealing with the separation, and possible divorce, of his eccentric parents and with his own new-found interest in girls. Sequel to *Regular Guy*.

White, Ruth. ***Buttermilk Hill***. YA F Whi. When Lindy's parents divorce and gradually begin to make new lives for themselves she finds all the changes difficult, but in time she starts to find her own way.

Wilson, Jacqueline. ***The Suitcase Kid***. Ju F Wil. Ten-year-old Andrea tries to deal with her parents' divorce and the presence of stepparents, stepsisters, and stepbrothers.

Winthrop, Elizabeth. ***As the Crow Flies***. Ju F Win. A second-grader describes how he feels when his father comes all the way from Delaware to Arizona to spend a week with him.

Yee, Lisa. ***So totally Emily Ebers***. Ju F Yee. In a series of letters to her absent father, twelve-year-old Emily Ebers deals with moving cross-country, her parents' divorce, a new friendship, and her first serious crush.

## **Non-Fiction for Children and Teens**

Amos, Janine. ***Divorce***. Ju 306.89 Amo. Uses letters, stories, and informational text to provide advice for children on how to cope with their parents' divorce.

Bode, Janet. ***For Better, for Worse: A Guide to Surviving Divorce for Preteens and Their Families***. Ju 306.89 Bod. Uses first-person accounts from young people to describe the effects of divorce and remarriage and how to handle them. Includes a

section for adults discussing how to minimize both the short- and long-term impact of divorce.

Brown, Laurene Krasny. ***Dinosaurs Divorce***. Ju 306.89 Bro. Text and illustrations of dinosaur characters introduce aspects of divorce such as its causes and effects, living with a single parent, spending holidays in two separate households, and adjusting to a stepparent.

Cadier, Florence. ***My Parents Are Getting Divorced: How to Keep It Together When Your Mom and Dad Are Splitting Up***. YA 306.89 Cad.

Goff, Beth, illustrated by Susan Perl. ***Where is Daddy? The Story of a Divorce***. Ju 306.89 Gof. Describes the fears of a little girl when her parents are divorced and how her mother and grandmother come to realize that she needs extra assurance.

Holyoke, Nancy. ***Help!: A Girl's Guide to Divorce and Stepfamilies***. Ju 306.89 Hol. Answers letters from girls dealing with various aspects of divorce, remarriage, and stepfamilies. Includes tips, quizzes, and advice.

Krementz, Jill. ***How It Feels When Parents Divorce***. Ju 306.89. Kew. Boys and girls, ages seven to sixteen, share their feelings about their parents' divorce.

Moser, Adolph. ***Don't Fall Apart on Saturdays!: The Children's Divorce-Survival Book***. Ju 306.874 Mos. Explores the problems experienced when parents divorce, suggesting ways to handle such situations effectively.

Nickman, Steven L. ***When Mom and Dad Divorce***. Ju 306.89 Nic. Focuses on the thoughts, feelings, and emotional problems of children whose parents are divorcing, accompanied by brief stories of young people in such situations.

Rogers, Fred. ***Divorce***. Ju 306.89 Rog

Truly, Traci. ***Teen Rights (and Responsibilities): A Legal Guide For Teens and the Adults In Their Lives***. YA 346.7301 Tru.

## **Non-Fiction for Adults**

Ahrons, Constance R. ***We're Still Family: What Grown Children Have To Say About Their Parents' Divorce***. Non-F 306.89 Ahr.

Beyer, Roberta. ***Speaking of Divorce: How to Talk With Your Kids and Help Them Cope***. Parenting Collection Yo Ju 306.89

Diamond, Susan Arnsberg. ***Helping Children of Divorce: a Handbook for Parents and Teachers***. Non-F 306.89 Dia.

Emery, Robert E. ***The Truth About Hildren and Divorce: Groundbreaking Research and Advice for Dealing With the Emotions So You and Your Children Can Thrive***. Non-F 306.89 Eme

Everett, Craig A. ***Healthy Divorce***. Non-F 306.89 Eve.

Goldzband, Melvin G. ***Quality Time: Easing the Children Through Divorce.*** Non-F 306.89 Gol.

Lansky, Vicki. ***Vicki Lansky's Divorce Book for Parents: Helping Your Children Cope with Divorce and its Aftermath.*** Non-F 306.89 Lan.

Levine, Peter A. ***Trauma Through a Child's Eyes: Awakening the Ordinary Miracle of Healing*** Non-F 618.928 Lev.

Lewis, Jennifer M. ***Don't Divorce Your Children: Children and Their Parents Talk About Divorce.*** Non-F 306.89 Lew.

Marquardt, Elizabeth. ***Between Two Worlds: The Inner Lives of Children of Divorce.*** Non-F 306.89 Mar.

Neuman, M. Gary. ***Helping Your Kids Cope With Divorce the Sandcastles Way.*** Non-F 306.89 Neu.

Salk, Lee. ***What Every Child Would Like Parents to Know About Divorce.*** Non-F 306.89 Sal.

Wallerstein, Judith S. ***What About the Kids? Raising Your Children Before, During, and After Divorce.*** Non-F 306.89 Wal.

Weyburne, Darlene. ***What to Tell the Kids About Your Divorce.*** Non-F 306.89 Wey.