

Children and Divorce



Juv. Fiction

J F BLU *It's Not the End of the World*, Judy Blume

- A young girl tries to restore order to her family life by preventing her parents from going through with their divorce.

J F CLE *Strider*, Beverly Clearly

- 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.

J F COR *How I, Nicky Flynn, Finally got a Life (and a Dog)*, Art Corriveau

- Moving to inner-city Boston after his parents' divorce, eleven-year-old Nicky struggles to cope with the changes in his life, including acquiring a former guide dog that leads to a mystery for Nicky to solve

J F FRA *Lone Wolf*, Kristine L. Franklin

- When a large family moves into the house near where he and his father live in the woods, Perry's friendship with the oldest girl helps him come to terms with his sister's death and his parents' divorce.

J F JAC *Eggs over Evie*, Alison Jackson

- Evie feels unsettled and sad after her parents divorce, her father remarries and takes the family dog, and his new wife becomes pregnant, but a cooking class and helping the elderly lady next door with her cat give Evie a way to cope with the changes in her life. Includes recipes.

J F WHI *Buttermilk Hill*, Ruth White

- When Piper'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.

Juv. Series

J SER AME *Amelia's Family Ties*, Marissa Moss

- Ten-year-old Amelia records her thoughts and feelings about flying solo to Chicago to meet the father she has not seen since her parents divorced when she was an infant.

J SER AME *Meet Julie*, Megan McDonald

- 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.

J SER ART *Arthur and the 1,001 Dads*, Stephen Krensky

- Arthur and his friends try to find a substitute to attend the Father's Day picnic with Buster, whose father is not around much since his parents' divorce.

J SER CON *Save the Cupcake!* Lisa Papademetriou

- Children of divorce, Hayley and her sister Chloe are stuck sharing a bedroom in their grandmother's apartment, but her knack for making cupcakes helps make life a little sweeter--until she and her best friend start disagreeing about everything.

J SER MAI *Coming Apart*, Ann M. Martin

- Nikki and her brother and sister are relieved that their parents are finally divorcing, but tense about their father's impending visit to settle the final details.

J SER MIL *So Totally Emily Ebers*, Lisa 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.

J SER TIA *How Tia Lola Came to Visit Stay*, Julia Alvarez

- 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.

J SER WIN *Southpaw*, Rich Wallace

- After moving to New Jersey following his parents' divorce, Jimmy Fleming tries out for the seventh-grade baseball team while also trying cope with his new life and dealing with his overly-competitive father.

Easy

E COF *Fred Stays With Me*, Nancy Coffelt

- A child describes how she lives sometimes with his mother and sometimes with his father, but his dog is his constant companion.

E KRA *No Ordinary Family*, Ute Krause

- Children of divorce, some bandit kids shuffle back and forth between their parents, and are not pleased when a princess and her children join their father's household, but soon discover how boring their lives are without these new additions.

E SCH *Missing Rabbit*, Roni Schotter

- As Kara divides her time between Papa's house and Mama's house, she is comforted by the presence of her toy Rabbit.

E SHR *Oliver at the Window*, Elizabeth Shreeve

- When Oliver's parents move into separate houses, he spends a lot of time looking out of windows with his pet lion as he adjusts to a new preschool and to living in two places.

Juv. Nonfiction

J 306.89 ADA *On the Day Daddy Left*, Eric J. Adams

- On the day his father moves out of the house, Danny's teacher, friends, and family reassure him that his parents' divorce is not his fault.

J 306.89 BRO *Dinosaurs Divorce: A Guide for Changing Families*, Laurene Kransky Brown

- 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.

J 306.89 COO *The "D" Word: Divorce*, Julia Cook

- Otis learns that his parents divorce is not his fault and some tools he can use to cope.

J 306.89 GRA *Mom and Dad Glue*, Kes Gray

- When a young boy visits a glue shop looking for a pot of parent glue to put their relationship and old life back together, the shopkeeper advises him that even though his parents' marriage may be broken beyond repair, their love for the boy is not.

J 306.89 HIG *Weekends with Dad: What to Expect When Your Parents Divorce*, Melissa Higgins

- When your parents divorce, it can feel like the world turns upside down. What do you do? Whether you live mostly at your mom's or dad's, this story can help you through the tough times

J 306.89 HOL *A Smart Girls Guide to Her Parents' Divorce*, Nancy Holyoke

- Answers to girls' questions about divorce along with quizzes and tips for coping.

J 306.89 LEV *Do You Sing Twinkle?: A Story about Remarriage and New Family*, Sandra Levins

- A boy's parents help him adjust to his new stepfamily when his mother remarries after a divorce. Includes note to parents.

J 306.89 LEV *Was it the Chocolate Pudding? A Story for Little kids about Divorce*, Sandra Levins

- Discusses problems and emotions young people experience when parents divorce.

J 306.89 MUR *Divorce and Separation*, Patricia J. Murphy

- Read 'Divorce and Separation' to learn about the feelings many people experience when their parents are separating or divorcing. This sensitive book explains what happens when divorce papers are signed, explores the reasons why parents may decide to separate.

J 306.89 SCH *Standing on My Own Two Feet*, Tamara Schmitz

- Addison's parents are divorced and he lives in one house with his mom and another with his dad, but one thing he knows above all is that both his parents love him and they always will.

J 306.89 STE *Divorce is not the End of the World*, Zoe Stern

- Zoe and Evan Stern know firsthand how it feels when your parents divorce. When their parents split they knew their lives would change but they didn't know how. A few years later, when they were 15 and 13 years old, they decided to share their experience in this positive and practical guide for kids. With some help from their mom, Zoe and Evan write about topics like guilt, anger, fear, adjusting to different rules in different houses, dealing with special occasions like birthdays, adapting to stepparents and blended families, and much more.

J 306.89 WAL *Living with Mom and Living with Dad*, Melanie Walsh

- A little girl describes what her life is like now that her parents no longer live together.

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