Divorce
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PICTURE BOOKS

I am Living in 2 Homes by Garcelle Beauvais, 2014
Jay and Nia are the children of two worlds and two homes. Follow the twins from I AM MIXED as they both address the difficulties of having parents who are no longer together and discover the benefits of having two very different homes to explore and enjoy. (PreK-1)

Monday, Wednesday, and Every Other Weekend by Karen Stanton, 2014
Although Henry enjoys the time he spends at his mother's apartment and his father's house, his dog Pomegranate gets confused about which place is home. (PreK)

FICTION

Blended by Sharon Draper, 2018
Piano-prodigy Isabella, eleven, whose black father and white mother struggle to share custody, never feels whole, especially as racial tensions affect her school, her parents both become engaged, and she and her stepbrother are stopped by police. (Grades 4 – 7)

Chloe on the Bright Side by Courtney Sheinmel, 2016
Rejected by the cool girls club, fifth grader Chloe Silver, new in town after her parents' divorce, forms a different kind of club that tests out different acts of kindness on classmates. (Grades 3-6)

Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary, 1983
In his letters to his favorite author, 10 year old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and generally finding his own place in the world. (Grades 3-7)

The DH by John Feinstein, 2016
Embarking on a baseball season marked by his parents' divorce, Alex is confronted by unexpected rival Matt, a disgraced athlete who has been given another chance after taking steroids and who wants to steal the affections of Alex's crush. (Grades 5-8)

The Great Treehouse War by Lisa Graff, 2017
Fifth-grader Winnie, with notes from her friends, writes of turning her treehouse into an embassy after her newly-divorced parents become unreasonable, where she is joined by nine others with complaints. (Grades 4 – 7)
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**Road Trip with Max and His Mom** by Linda Urban, 2018
J Fiction Urban
Max and his mom embark on a road trip as they adjust to their new understanding of family. (Grades 2 – 4)

**The Thing About Leftovers** by C.C. Payne, 2016
J Fiction CLARK
Fizzy struggles to find her place in her blended family after her parents’ divorce, hoping her entry in the Southern Living Cook Off will show them she is more than just a leftover kid. (Grades 5-8)

**Weekends With Max and His Dad** by Linda Urban, 2016
J Fiction URBAN
Third grader Max pursues neighborhood adventures with his dad as they both adjust to recent changes in their family. (Grades 1-4)

**NONFICTION**

j306.89 B878d
Text and illustrations of dinosaur characters introduce aspects of divorce such as its cause and effects, living with a single parent, spending holidays in two separate households, and adjusting to a stepparent. (PreK-1)

**Divorce is the Worst** by Anastasia Higginbotham, 2015
j306.89 H 635d
Kids are told, “It’s for the best”- and one day it may be, but right now, divorce is the worst. With honesty and humor, Anastasia Higginbotham conveys the challenge of staying whole, when your entire world, and the people in it, split apart. (Grades K-3)

**When My Parents Forgot How to Be Friends** by Jennifer Moore-Mallinos, 2005
j306.89 M825w
Young children become confused and hurt when their parents constantly argue, then decide to divorce. This sensitively written book assures boys and girls that children are in no way responsible for their parents’ inability to get along together. It lets kids know that although one parent chooses to move away from the home, both parents continue to love their little boy or girl. (Grades 3-6)

**Why Do Families Change? Our First Talk About Separation and Divorce** by Jillian Roberts, 2017
j306.89 R645w
A nonfiction picture book that introduces very young children to the concept of separation and divorce in a reassuring and straightforward way. (Grades pre-K – 1)