

Divorce

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PICTURE BOOKS

Here and There by Tamara Ellis Smith, 2019 Picture Book SMITH
After Ivan's parents separate, he has trouble finding joy at either of their homes until he discovers that the birds and music that he loves may be found in both places. (Grades K-2)

I am Living in 2 Homes by Garcelle Beauvais, 2014 Picture Book BEAUVAIS
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 Picture Book STANTON
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-2)

FICTION

Blended by Sharon Draper, 2018 J Fiction DRAPER
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)

Dear Sweet Pea by Julie Murphy, 2019 J Fiction MURPHY
Thirteen-year-old Patricia, widely known as Sweet Pea, navigates her parents' unconventional divorce and finds herself in the unlikely role of her town's advice columnist. (Grades 4-7)

Every Other Weekend by Abigail Johnson, 2020 T Fiction JOHNSON
Forced to spend every other weekend in the same apartment building, the boy who thinks forgiveness makes him weak and the girl who thinks love is for fools begin an unlikely friendship. (Grades 9-12)

Genius Jolene by Sara Cassidy, 2020 J Fiction CASSIDY
In this illustrated early chapter book, Jolene travels with her long-haul trucker father to Los Angeles. (Grades 1-3)

The Great Treehouse War by Lisa Graff, 2017 J Fiction GRAFF
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)

I, Cosmo by Carlie Sorosiak, 2019 J Fiction SOROSIAK
Cosmo would do anything to make his boy happy, but when Max decides they should learn a dance routine to stave off his parents' divorce, will the old dog be up to the challenge? (Grades 3-6)

The Incredible True Story of the Making of the Eve of Destruction
by Amy Brashear, 2018 T Fiction BRASHEAR
In 1984, while grappling with her parents' divorce and her mother's remarriage to an African-American man, sixteen-year-old Laura wins a walk-on role in the nuclear holocaust movie being filmed in her Arkansas town. (Grades 8-12)

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 Year We Fell From Space by A. S. King, 2019 J Fiction KING
Middle schooler Liberty likes to make her own maps of the stars, in fact she is obsessed with them, especially since her family is falling apart. (Grades 4-7)

You Go First by Erin Entrada Kelly, 2018 J Fiction KELLY
Charlotte, twelve, and Ben, eleven, are highly-skilled competitors at online Scrabble and that connection helps both as they face family issues and the turmoil of middle school. (Grades 4-7)

NON-FICTION

Divorce is the Worst by Anastasia Higginbotham, 2015 J 306.89 H635d
A picture book for kids whose parents are going through a divorce. (Grades K-3)

Getting Through My Parents' Divorce: A Workbook for Children Coping With Divorce, Parental Alienation, and Loyalty Conflicts by Amy Baker, 2015 J 306.89 B167g
This workbook will guide kids through a number of difficult scenarios that can arise during a divorce. (Grades K-5)

Why Do Families Change? Our First Talk About Separation and Divorce
by Jillian Roberts, 2017 J 306.89 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)

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Mend A Story of Divorce by Sophia Recca, 2018 J 741.5 R294m
The fourteen-year-old author tells the story of her parents' divorce and how she demanded that both parents remain in her life, no matter what. (Grades 5-8)