

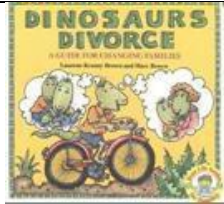
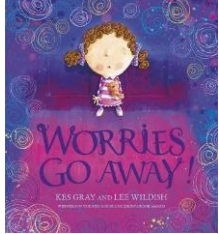
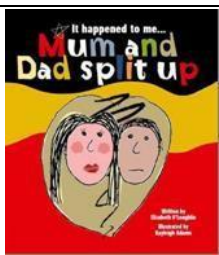


Books for children aged three to ten years

You can find some of these books read out loud on YouTube


Book name	Title and author	Description
	<p><u>The Huge Bag of Worries</u> Virginia Ironside</p>	<p>Jenny has many worries and they follow her everywhere in a big blue bag. She meets her friendly old neighbour who opens Jenny's bag of worries and shows her that talking/sharing helps to get rid of the problems.</p>
	<p><u>Mum and Dad Glue</u> Kes Gray & Lee Wildish</p>	<p>A little boy realizes his parents' separation cannot be fixed but it isn't his fault and they will both still love him.</p>
	<p><u>Dinosaur's Divorce</u> Marc Brown and Laurie Krasny Brown</p>	<p>Shows a range of possible feelings that 'divorce' produces using cartoon dinosaur characters. This is not a story, but a book of practical information explaining why parents' divorce, what children might feel about it and what might happen afterwards.</p>
	<p><u>Worries Go Away</u> Kes Gray & Lee Wildish</p>	<p>Helps children to realise that it's better if they talk to someone if they feel worried.</p>
	<p><u>Children don't divorce</u> Rosemary Stones & Nicola Spoor</p>	<p>Covering issues around divorce e.g. the effects on friends at school, visits by a social worker and the arrival of a new partner. The book looks at separation and divorce from the child's angle and offers a good opportunity for children to explore and express their feelings.</p>
	<p><u>Mum and Dad split up</u> Elizabeth O'Loughlin and Kayleigh Adams</p>	<p>The simple story of a family splitting up is told from a child's point of view and illustrated by a child, letting young readers know they are not alone. Designed for adults and children to read together, or for older children to read by themselves, the book acknowledges children's distress and encourages children to find their own way of coping with the trauma and upheaval life has thrown at them.</p>

	<p><u>Two Homes'</u> Claire Masurel</p>	<p>Alex has two front doors, two bedrooms and two very different favourite chairs. He has a toothbrush at Mummy's and a toothbrush at Daddy's. But whether Alex is with Mummy or Daddy, one thing stays the same: Alex is loved by them both always. This portrayal of the life of a child whose parents are divorced is full of warmth, comfort and affection.</p>
	<p><u>Angry Arthur</u> Hiawyn Oram, Satoshi Kitamura</p>	<p>A brilliantly illustrated book about a small boy's escalating rage when he is told that it's too late to watch television. His anger mounts and mounts, culminating in a 'universequake'! At the end of the story, Arthur can't remember why he was so angry in the first place. Good for opening up chats about feeling angry.</p>
	<p><u>The Saddest King</u> Chris Wormell</p>	<p>The king has decreed that everyone must be happy, so the people smile all day long, even when bad things happen. One day, a small boy is found crying, so he is sent to the king to be punished. As the boy tells the king the reason for his sadness – his dog has died – the king begins to sob, and his smiling face is found to be a mask. Thanks to the boy, the king realises it's all right to be sad sometimes, and revokes his decree, at which point everyone has a good cry!</p>
	<p><u>The Very Special Dolphin</u> Caterina Hughes</p>	<p>Join Ralphie's discovery as he learns how to cope with having parents who have separated.</p>
	<p><u>The Visitors Who Came to Stay</u> Annalena McAfee</p>	<p>Katy lives a quiet life by the sea with her dad, occasionally visiting her mum at weekends. Then one day, Dad brings home a friend and her son, and their loud and colourful ways totally disrupt her peaceful world. In time, it gradually dawns on her that these visitors are going to stay for good – because the woman is her dad's new partner.</p>
	<p><u>How to Look After Your Unicorn</u> Cassie MacDonald, Madeleine Elizabeth MacDonald,</p>	<p>A simple guide to help the emotional well being of unicorns and other friends. This book is aimed to assist younger children to pick up tips to self sooth or help others. It is a guide to empathy, forgiveness and coping strategies in an anxious world. It is especially suited to Key Stage one with simple, attractive illustrations.</p>

Books for 10 + year olds

	<p><u>Suitcase Kid</u> Jacqueline Wilson</p>	<p>This book deals very sensitively and humorously with divorce and how to cope with having two homes. Distraught at her parents' divorce, Andy cannot decide who she wants to live with. She spends one week at Mum's house, the next at Dad's, but never really feels that she belongs anywhere. This difficult situation, which is worsened by animosity between Andy and her new stepfamilies, has no simple solution. Approached with humour and understanding, this is a very readable tale of confusion, guilt and ultimately optimism, with which many children (and adults) will identify.</p>
	<p><u>The Worry Website</u> Jacqueline Wilson</p>	<p>The Worry Website is Mr Speed the class teacher's idea of a place for his pupils to write their worries down anonymously and then get help with solving them from their peers. Linking the worries of seven children in the book through short stories, from divorced parents to living with a disability, and from feeling useless at school to nightmares at home.</p>
	<p><u>My Parents are Divorced</u> Florence Cadier, Melissa Daly & Claire Gandini</p>	<p>Practical and calming advice for any preteen or teen whose family is splitting up. The book includes sections on tension at home, being in the middle, visitation, what to expect at court, learning not to blame yourself, and much more.</p>
	<p><u>When my Parents Separate I have A Plan</u> Katherine Eskovitz</p>	<p>When My Parents Separate, I Have a Plan is a groundbreaking children's picture book for all ages to help children (and parents) adjust to separation in a healthy way. It is critical that children have the opportunity to ask questions and feel some control over their situation in the midst of a separation. Most importantly, the lessons in this book—including that a child is NEVER to blame when parents separate—can truly help a child navigate their new situation, making a difference now and for years to come.</p>

Books for teenagers

	<p><u>Step by wicked step</u> Anne Fine</p>	<p>Anne Fine does not shy away from the fact that separation and divorce are painful, but she does have an uplifting message about the power of honesty and compromise. 11-14.</p>
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		<p><u>Booked</u> Kwame Alexander</p>	<p>From fast-paced football matches to school and family drama, this novel written in verse has something for everyone and will grip reluctant readers from page one. From 12-16.</p>
		<p><u>Blame My Brain: the Amazing Teenage Brain Revealed</u> Nicola Morgan</p>	<p>During the teenage years the brain is undergoing its most radical and fundamental change since the age of two. This carefully researched, accessible and humorous examination of the ups and downs of the teenage brain has chapters dealing with powerful emotions, the need for more sleep, the urge to take risks, the difference between genders and the reasons behind addiction or depression.</p>

Other Useful reads

