

Books for Children with a Parent with Cancer

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After talking with your child about a cancer diagnosis, books are a helpful way to follow up that discussion. Books can help answer questions, let the reader explore feelings, and clear up any possible misconceptions.

School Age

Cancer:

- *Butterfly Kisses and Wishes on Wings*, by Ellen McVicker
- *Still Me*, by Rebecca DuBois
- *When Someone You Love Has Cancer: A Guide to Helping Kids Cope*, by Alaric Lewis

Separation anxiety:

- *I'm Here*, by Peter H. Reynolds
- *The Invisible String*, by Patrice Karst

Teens and Young Adults

- *Love Sick: Teens Reflect on Growing Up with a Parent Who Has Cancer*, by Lynnette Wilhard
- *My Parent has Cancer and it Really Sucks*, by Maya Silver and Marc Silver
- *Reflections - Teen Thoughts on Having a Parent With Cancer*, by Katie Jecha

Parents

Parenting through a diagnosis:

- *Can I Still Kiss You? Answering Your Children's Questions About Cancer*, by Neil Russell
- *Camp Chemo: Postcards home from metastatic breast cancer*, by Camille Scheel
- *How to Help Children through a Parent's Serious Illness*, by Kathleen McCue
- *When a Parent has Cancer: A Guide to Caring for Your Children*, by Wendy Harpham