Picture Books  (Parenting XXF)

Abercrombie, Barbara. CHARLIE ANDERSON
Two sisters wonder why their cat disappears and then discover it has two homes just like they do.

Clarke, Jane.  THE BEST OF BOTH NESTS
Stanley the stork is upset when his parents divorce and his father goes to live in a separate nest.

Coffelt, Nancy.  FRED STAYS WITH ME
A child describes how she lives sometimes with her mother and sometimes with her father, but his dog is his constant companion.

Gray, Kes.  MOM AND DAD GLUE
A child searches for glue to mend his parents' marriage.

Grindley, Sally.  A NEW ROOM FOR WILLIAM
When William and his mother move, he is unhappy about having a new room, but he changes his mind after he gets dinosaur wallpaper and makes a new friend.

Masurel, Claire.  TWO HOMES
A young boy enjoys the homes of both his parents who live apart.

Ransom, Jeanie Franz.  I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT
A young girl reluctantly talks with her parents about their upcoming divorce, which helps to prepare her for the big changes to come.

Schotter, Roni.  MISSING RABBIT
As Kara divides her time between Papa's house and Mama's house, she is comforted by the presence of her toy rabbit.

Schmitz, Tamara.  STANDING ON MY OWN FEET: A CHILD’S AFFIRMATION OF LOVE IN THE MIDST OF DIVORCE
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.

Shreve, Elizabeth.  OLIVER AT THE WINDOW
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.

Smet, Marian De.  I HAVE TWO HOMES
A young girl named Nina recounts her feelings about her parents' divorce and describes what it is like to live in two households.

Spelman, Cornelia.  MAMA AND DADDY BEAR’S DIVORCE
Dinah Bear feels scared when her parents say they are going to divorce.

Stanton, Karen.  MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND EVERY OTHER WEEKEND
Although Henry enjoys the time he spends at his mother's apartment and his father's house, his dog gets confused about which place is home.

Walsh, Melanie.  LIVING WITH MOM AND LIVING WITH DAD
A little girl describes what her life is like now that her parents no longer live together.

Books for Parents  (in Parenting Nonfiction)

Beyer, Roberta.  SPEAKING OF DIVORCE: HOW TO TALK WITH YOUR KIDS AND HELP THEM COPE (X306.89)

Wallerstein, Judith S.  WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS? : RAISING YOUR CHILDREN BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER DIVORCE (X306.89)

Additional books for parents are located in the adult nonfiction collection.
Nonfiction for Children
(in Parenting Nonfiction)

Berry, Joy Wilt.  GOOD ANSWERS TO TOUGH QUESTIONS ABOUT DIVORCE (X306.89)
Provides answers to common questions on divorce, including why it occurs and what sorts of things can happen to the children, and provides suggestions on how children can adjust to the changes and problems that divorce can bring.

Higginbotham, Anastasia.  DIVORCE IS THE WORST (X306.89)
Offers advice, sympathy, and wit while admitting that divorces are painful.

Holyoke, Nancy.  HELP! A GIRL’S GUIDE TO DIVORCE AND STEPFAMILIES (X306.89)
Answers letters from girls dealing with various aspects of divorce, remarriage, and stepfamilies.

Petersen, Christine.  THE SMART KID’S GUIDE TO DIVORCE (X306.89)
Explores what happens when parents divorce and provides strategies for coping with a changing family.

Thomas, Pat.  MY FAMILY’S CHANGING: A FIRST LOOK AT FAMILY BREAK UP (X306.89)
Discusses the changes brought about by a divorce and the importance of expressing feelings.

Attention Parents and Caregivers!
The Santa Monica Public Library offers a Parenting Center at the Main Library which includes an outstanding array of materials on general parenting, family and health issues, and education and learning topics.
The collection includes therapeutic books that support children needing to process difficult personal events that are painful, confusing, or overwhelming.

- Adoption
- Bullying
- Cooperation
- Death
- Divorce
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- Feelings
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- Illness
- New Baby
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- Toilet Training
- Sibling Rivalry
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