

Books to Read With & To Children in Foster Care

- ***A Terrible Thing Happened*** by Margaret M. Holmes, Ages 4 - 10
A story for children who have witnessed violence or trauma.
- ***Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*** by Judith Vioris, Ages 3 - 9
Bad days make us so mad and so sad that sometimes we want to move to where terrible, horrible days maybe don't happen.
- ***Do You Have a Secret?*** by Jennifer Moore-Mallinos, Ages 4 - 9
Purpose of book is to stimulate dialogue and instill knowledge. Children will learn to distinguish between "good secrets" and those secrets that are necessary to disclose.
- ***Families Change — A Book for Children Experiencing Termination of Parental Rights*** by Julie Nelson, Ages 4 - 10
With the support of caring adults, children who experience termination of parent rights can move from the pain of the past to the promise of the future.
- ***Finding the Right Spot — When Kids Can't Live with their Parents*** by Janice Levy, Ages 6 - 12
A story for all kids who can't live with their parents, regardless of the circumstances. A story about resilience and loyalty, hope and disappointment, love, sadness, and anger.
- ***How to Lose All Your Friends*** by Nancy Carlson, Ages 3 - 7
With tongue-in-cheek humor, the book pokes fun at bullies, brats, tattletales, and grouches
- ***Kids Need to Be Safe - A Book for Children in Foster Care*** by Julie Nelson, Ages 4 - 10
Written especially for kids, this book can help children prepare for, understand, and accept foster care.
- ***Maybe Days — A Book for Children in Foster Care*** by Jennifer Wilgocki and Maria Kahn Wright, Ages 4-10
Addresses the questions, feelings, and concerns children in foster care most often face. Provides basic information that children want and need to know, including the roles of various people in the foster-care system and whom to ask for help.
- ***Making Friends with Billy Wong*** by Augusta Scattergood, Grades 3 - 7
Inspired by the true accounts of Chinese immigrants who lived in the American South during the civil rights era, this is a poignant novel that reminds us all that home is where our hearts reside and that friends can come to us in the most unexpected ways.
- ***Murphy's Three Homes — A Story for Children in Foster Care*** by Jan Levinson Gilman, Ages 4 - 8
As he moves from one house to another, a Tibetan terrier begins to understand all his sad and angry feelings and finds ways to cope.
- ***Never Talk to Strangers*** by Irma Joyce, Ages 3 - 8

- ***Please Tell — A Child's Story About Sexual Abuse*** by Jessie, Ages 5 - 10
 A beautifully simple book with a profoundly important message for children who have been sexually abused: the abuse wasn't their fault.
- ***The Foster Care Guide (For Kids)*** — by Laura Greer, Ages 4 - 10
 A handbook with questions and answers for foster children.
- ***This Is Me — A Story of Who We Are & Where We Came From*** by Jamie Lee Curtis & Laura Cornell, Ages 4 - 8
 Imagine you were leaving for a new country and could bring along only what would fit in a small suitcase. Which things would you choose to say to the world, "Hi there, this is ME!
- ***Zachary's New Home — A Story for Foster and Adopted Children*** by Geraldine M. Blomquist & Paul B. Blomquist, Ages 4 - 10
 This book can be a useful tool for understanding children in foster care and adopted children who have usually suffered painful separations from their families for reasons they may not understand.