



## **BOBBY'S BOOKS**

### **Bibliography: Changes and/or Difficult Times**

**Author**

**Title**

Ahlberg, Janet and Allan

Starting School

*The first four months of school for eight first graders are chronicled in wonderful watercolor detail.*

Alden, Rio

Panda Bear's Journey:

A heroic tale of heart and home

*A panda finds his strengths, and finds that he is not alone in the world.*

Ayres, Pam

When Dad Cuts Down the Chestnut Tree

*A story about change and thinking ahead to the future*

Bauer, Caroline

My Mom Travels A Lot

*A child points out the good and bad things about a mother's job where she travels.*

Berenstain, Stan and Jan

The Berenstain Bears and Mama's New Job

*(Note: If kids like these books, many topics, especially about change, are available.)*

Berman, Linda

The Good-Bye Painting

*A favorite baby-sitter moves away.*

Boulden, Jim and Joan

When Someone Is Very Sick

*A workbook to help kids cope with illness of a family member or friend*

Brett, Doris

Annie Stories: A Special Kind of Storytelling

Brown, Marc

Arthur's New Baby

*Arthur adjusts to a new baby at his house.*

Arthur's Eyes

*Arthur adjusts to wearing glasses*

*(Note: There are several books in this series that deal with change.)*

Bunting, Eve

The Wednesday Surprise

*Anna teaches her grandma how to read.*

Fly Away Home

*A father and son are homeless and live in the airport.*

Someday A Tree

*This is a story of loss, grief, and hope.*

- Caines, Jeannette Abby  
*Caines provides assurance for adopted children as well as recognition for any little girl with an older brother*
- Carle, Eric The Very Hungry Caterpillar  
*Change is discussed by looking at the life of a caterpillar as it becomes a butterfly.*
- Crary, Elizabeth I'm Mad  
*From the "Dealing with Feelings" series*
- Fisher, Iris Katie-Bo: An Adoption Story  
*Relates the adoption of a Korean baby girl into an American family as seen through the eyes of her brother-to-be.*
- Fowler, Susi When Joel Comes Home  
*A little girl describes all the things she and her parents are planning to welcome home friends and their newly-adopted son.*
- Gabel, Susan Where The Sun Kisses The Sea  
*A little boy living in an orphanage dreams of finding a forever family where all the children share the same family name.*
- Girard, Linda Wolvoord Adoption Is For Always  
*A third grader, who has always known she was adopted, is starting to find what it actually means.*
- Guback, Georgia Luka's Quilt  
*After a quilting project doesn't turn out as planned a relationship is strained*
- Henkes, Kevin Good-bye, Curtis  
*A mailman retires and receives thanks for the job he has done*
- Hickman, Martha When Andy's Father Went To Prison  
*After Andy's father is sent to prison, he worries what his friends will think*
- Hicks, Randall Adoption Stories For Young Children  
*Shows young adopted kids that there are many children who are in fact adopted*
- Keats, Ezra Jack Peter's Chair  
*A new baby sister and Peter's feelings about this*
- Keller, Holly Horace  
*Trans-racial adoption*
- Grandfather's Dream  
*A Vietnamese boy and his grandfather work to restore their village.*

- Koehler, Phoebe The Day We Met You  
*Adoptive parents narrate the loving preparations made for the day they took their child home.*
- Kroll, Virginia Beginnings: How Families Come To Be  
*Conversations between six children and their parents reveal some of the most common scenarios about adoption.*
- Lakin, Patricia Dad and Me In The Morning  
*Child is hearing impaired.*
- Litchfield, Ada A Button In Her Ear  
*This is a book to help kids understand what a hearing aid is and why some children need one.*
- Milgram, Mary Brothers Are All the Same  
*A story of adoption.*
- Mills, Joyce Little Tree: A Story for Children with Serious Medical Problems  
*This tree grows deep when it cannot grow tall--addresses serious medical problems.*
- Mora, Pat Pablo's Tree  
*Every year Pablo visits the tree his parents planted when they adopted him.*
- O'Toole, Donna Healing and Growing Through Grief  
*This book tells what people experience following any type of grievous loss*
- Pellegrini, Nina Families Are Different  
*Although Korean-born Nico doesn't like looking different from her adoptive parents, her mother assures her that, indeed, there are all kinds of families.*
- Powers, Mary Our Teacher's In A Wheelchair  
*A photo essay that presents a different view of the handicapped.*
- Raskin, Ellen Spectacles  
*For kids who wear glasses.*
- Rogers, Fred Going to the Hospital  
*Describes what happens during a stay in the hospital.*
- Let's Talk About It: Stepfamilies  
*Helps children adjust to change in regards to stepfamilies.*
- Rosenblatt, Lily Fire Diary  
*With the help of her school counselor, nine-year-old April learns to deal with her fears after her house burns down.*
- Ross, Tom Eggbert the Slightly Cracked Egg  
*The other eggs in the refrigerator admire Eggbert's remarkable paintings-until they discover that he has a slight crack.*

Sanford, Doris  
*Living in a foster home.*

For Your Own Good

*Elizabeth, the daughter of an alcoholic mother, tries to carry the burden of taking care of the family.*

I Know the World's Worst Secret

*Living with a depressed parent.*

It Won't Last Forever (Hurts of Childhood)

Simon, Norma

*Father's Day is tough for a boy whose father left him years ago and never communicates with him.*

I Wish I Had My Father

Waber, Bernard

*Ira's friend is moving away.*

Ira Says Goodbye

Weeks, Sarah

*Saying good-bye to someone you love.*

Follow the Moon

Weiss, Nicki

*Everything changes.*

An Egg is an Egg

Ziefert, Harriet

*Jon falls off of his bicycle but is less than enthusiastic about receiving treatment for the cut on his forehead.*

Stitches

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