Kinship Book List

Books for caregivers, children being raised in kinship, and/or service providers/professionals working with kinship families

Author: Martha Whitmore Hickman
Title: Robert Lives With His Grandparents: A Concept Book
Ages: 4 - 8
Date: 1995
Robert’s parents are divorced, and he lives with his grandparents. When his grandmother decides to attend Parent’s Day at his school, he is afraid of what the other kids will think of him.

Author: Jeanne Warren Lindsay
Title: Do I Have a Daddy?
Ages: 4 – 8
Date: 1991
A read aloud book to help caregivers respond to children’s questions about a parent they have never seen.

Author: Tololwa Mollel
Title: Kele’s Secret
Ages: Elementary School – picture book
Date: 1997
A young African boy who lives with his grandparents on their coffee farm follows their hen in order to find out where she is hiding her eggs.

Author: Cindy Klein Cohen and John T. Heiney
Title: Daddy’s Promise
Ages: 4 – 8
Date: 1997
Addresses all the different feelings children may have as they grieve a loved one. (Available through bookstores or amazon.com)
Author: Brigitte Weninger  
Title: Good-Bye Daddy!  
Ages: 4 – 9  
Date: 1995  
After spending the day with his daddy, a young bear is sad and angry that his father has to leave. The bear comes to learn that even when a father lives in another home, the love and caring never go away.

Author: Elizabeth Weitzman  
Title: Let's Talk About When A Parent Dies  
Ages: 5 - 9  
Date: 1996  
Gives advice on surviving the death of a parent and suggests what feelings and behaviors to expect from others.

Author: Maureen K. Wittbold  
Title: Let's talk About When a Parent is in Jail  
Ages: Early Elementary  
Date: 1997  
Discusses why jail exits, why people go to jail and how to deal with a person in jail.

Author: Jill Hastings and Marion Typpo  
Title: An Elephant in the Living Room: the Children’s Book and An Elephant in the Living Room: a Leader’s Guide for Helping Children of Alcoholics  
Ages: 4 – 8 and their caregivers  
Date: 1994  
These books help children from alcoholic homes learn about addiction and teach new ways to handle their feelings.

Author: Ruth White  
Title: Belle Prater’s Boy  
Ages: Young Adult - fiction  
Date: 1996  
When Woodrow’s mother disappears suddenly, he moves to his grandparent’s home in a small Virginia town. He befriends his cousin and
together they find the strength to face the terrible losses and fears in their lives.

**Author:** Richard A. Gardner  
**Title:** *The Boys and Girls Book about Divorce, With an Introduction for Parents*  
**Ages:** Young Adult  
**Date:** 1992  
A warm reassurance and honest answers to questions frequently asked by children of divorced parents.

**Author:** Rhoda McFarland  
**Title:** *Drugs and Your Parents*  
**Ages:** Young Adult  
**Date:** 1997  
How to survive in a chemically dependent household and how to get help for yourself and a parent.

**Author:** Jay Schleifer  
**Title:** *Everything You Need to Know When Someone You Know Has Been Killed*  
**Ages:** Young Adult  
**Date:** 1998  
Discusses death and the fear of death, explains the emotions experienced when someone you know is killed and gives strategies to cope with them.

**Books for Adult Caregivers**

**Author:** Sylvie De Toledo  
**Title:** *Grandparents as Parents: A Survival Guide for Raising a Second Family*  
**Date:** 1995  
Guidebook for any grandparent who is raising a grandchild.

**Author:** Deborah Doucette-Dudman  
**Title:** *Raising Our Children’s Children*  
**Date:** 1997  
The social, legal and emotional issues faced by grandparents as parents, such as custody, housing and prior mistreatment of the children.
**Author:** Lillian Carson  
**Title:** *The Essential Grandparent: A Guidebook to Making a Difference*  
**Date:** 1996  
An easily readable book that honors grandparenthood, dispelling grandparenting myths and helping readers develop their own grandparenting strategy.

**Author:** Eda J. Leshan  
**Title:** *Grandparenting in a Changing World*  
**Date:** 1997  
Insightful, witty advice on such topics as grandparents who remarry, grandchildren who live far away, grandparents raising their grandchildren and more.

**Author:** Lenora Madison Poe  
**Title:** *Black Grandparents As Parents*  
**Date:** 1992  
Focuses on the adjustments grandparents must make socially, emotionally and economically when raising their grandchildren.

**Author:** Traci Truly  
**Title:** *Grandparents Rights: With Forms*  
**Date:** 2nd Edition 1999  
Simple, legal explanation of the law regarding grandparent custody and visitation rights. Includes legal forms and example cases.

**Author:** Carole B. Cox  
**Title:** *To Grandmother’s House We Go and Stay: Perspectives on Custodial Grandparents*  
**Date:** Date: 1999  
Information for custodial grandparents.

**Author:** Joan Callander  
**Title:** *Second Time Around; Help for Grandparents Who Raise Their Children’s Kids*  
**Date:** 1999  
Information and support for grandparents raising grandchildren, including a discussion of the issues facing kids today.

Compiled by Gary Mallon, Executive Director, National Resource for Permanency and Family Connections.
Author: Bob Rowland and Sally Houtman  
Title: *To Grandma’s House, We...Stay: When You Have to Stop Spoiling Your Grandchildren and Start Raising Them*  
Date: 1999  
Help with understanding the new relationship with the custodial grandparent and child. Includes a list of helpful resources.

Author: Joseph Crumbley and Robert L. Little  
Title: *Relatives Raising Children: An Overview of Kinship Care*  
Date: 1997  
Discussion of the many issues facing family members raising others’ children, from the perspectives of the child, the caregiver and the parent.

Author: Rebecca M. Yaffe, and Lonnie F. Hoade  
Title: *When a Parent Goes to Jail: A Comprehensive Guide for Counseling Children of Incarcerated Parents*  
Date: 2000  
How to help children cope with their emotions and the legalities of their parent’s situation. (Available through bookstores and [amazon.com](http://amazon.com))

Author: Silverman Janis  
Title: *Help Me Say Goodbye: Activities for Helping Kids Cope When a Special Person Dies*  
Date: 1999  
An art and activity book to help children cope with the death of a loved one. (available through bookstores and [amazon.com](http://amazon.com))

Author: Doughy Center Staff  
Title: *35 Ways to Help a Grieving Child*  
Date: 1999  
Information to help grieving children taken from the stories of other children and adolescents who have lost a loved one. (Available through bookstores and [amazon.com](http://amazon.com))

Author: Phyllis Rolfe Silverman  
Title: *Never Too Young to Know: Death in Children’s Lives*  
Date: 2000  
Offers a practical and theoretical approach to how children cope with death and how to support and help them.
Author: Washington State Relatives as Parents (RAPP) Program and the Kinship Oversight Committee.
Title: Voices of Children Raised by Grandparents and Other Relatives
Date: 2013
A compilation of poems, essays and drawings submitted from children living in Washington State to the 2013 Children’s Kinship Care Expression Contest. Initiated by the Family Education And Support Services 1202 Black Lake Blvd. #B Olympia, WA 98502
To order more copies of this booklet or for additional information about the 2013 Voices of Children Contest contact Shelly Willis at Shelly@FamilyESS.org or call 1 877 813-2828

Author: Gayle Bryne (Author) & Mary Haverfield (Illustrator)
Title: Sometimes It's Grandmas and Grandpas: Not Mommies and Daddies Hardcover
Date: 2009
A young narrator lives with her Nonnie and Poppy in a loving and nurturing environment. Her parents are clearly not involved in her life, and she briefly wonders why. But her grandparents are there to read to her, play with her, and tuck her in at night, and their cuddles never run out.

Author: Martha Evans Spark
Title: Raising Your Children’s Children: help for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
Date: 2011
Sometimes, people mess up. They get addicted to drugs or alcohol, abandon their child, or just leave. This book is for those who want to step in and help, specifically the grandparents of those children who are in need of parents.

Author: David Pitcher
Title: Inside Kinship Care: Understanding Family Dynamics and Providing Effective Support
Date: 2013
This book takes an in-depth look at what goes on 'inside' kinship care. It explores the dynamics and relationships between family members that are involved in kinship care, including mothers, grandparents, siblings and the wider family. Chapters also discuss issues such as safeguarding, assessment, therapy, encouraging permanence, placement breakdown, support groups, and cultural issues. The final part of the book looks at kinship care from an international perspective, with examples from New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and the United States. Drawing on a range of theoretical perspectives and with contributions from different branches of kinship care, this book provides an invaluable overview of the issues involved and how to provide effective support. It will be essential reading for all
those working in the kinship care field, including social workers, therapists, counsellors, psychologists and family lawyers.

**Author:** Kim Phagan-Hansel (Editor)  
**Title:** Foster Parents Handbook  
**Date:** 2012

*The Foster Parenting Toolbox* is 464 pages of incredibly helpful information. Over 100 foster parents in the trenches, case workers, social workers, CASAs, GALs and judges contributed to this book to help all those on the child’s team understand and work better with the children who are entrusted to their care.