

### **Fiction about Divorce**

**Bateson, Catherine. *Stranded in Boringsville*. 2005.** When her parents separate, Rain and her mother move to the country, where she befriends the boy next door and tries to cope with her feelings about her father and his new girlfriend.

**Bauer, Joan. *Stand Tall*. 2002.** Tree, a 6'3" 12-year-old copes with his parents' divorce by helping his grandfather, a Vietnam veteran, and Sophie, a new girl at school.

**Bowe, Julie. *Big & Little Questions (According to Wren Jo Byrd)*. 2017.** At the beginning of the summer, Wren's parents told her they were divorcing, and her dad moved out. When school starts again in the autumn, Wren lets everyone believe they are still a single family. That fib creates big problems when Marianna, a new girl who wants Wren's best friend for her BFF, starts asking nosy questions.

**Cleary, Beverly. *Stryder*. 1991.** In a series of journal entries, Leigh comes to terms with his parents' divorce, joins the track team, and gains joint-custody of a dog.

**Corriveau, Art. *How I, Nicky Flynn, Finally Get a Life (and a Dog)*. 2010.** Nicky's parents are going through a messy divorce. Nicky's mom brings home an 80-pound German shepherd from the shelter, and Reggie soon becomes a true friend, but when Nicky tries to reconnect with his dad, he risks his new friend's life.

**Coulombis, Audrey. *Lexie*. 2011.** Lexie used to love going to the shore with her parents, but this summer, it's just her father... and his girlfriend and her two sons. Is there place for Lexie?

**DiCamillo, Kate. *Raymie Nightingale*. 2016.** Hoping that if she wins a local beauty pageant, her father will come home, Raymie practices twirling a baton and performing good deeds as she is drawn into an unlikely friendship with a drama queen and a saboteur.

**Hurwitz, Joanna. *One Small Dog*. 2000.** When Curtis's parents get divorced, he gets a dog. When the dog starts to cause problems, Curtis must deal with them.

**Kelly, Katy. *Lucy Rose (series)*. 2004.** After Lucy Rose's parents separate, she and her mother move to Washington D.C.

**McDonald, Megan. *Happy New Year, Julie (American Girl series)*. 2007.** The first Christmas after her parents' divorce is tough for Julie, but she finds comfort in sharing the Chinese New Year traditions with her best friend, Ivy.

**Payne, P.C. *The Thing about Leftovers*. 2016.** Fizzy struggles to find her place in her blended family after her parents divorce, hoping that her entry into a cooking competition will show them that she's more than just a leftover kid.

**Urban, Linda. *Weekends with Max and His Dad*. 2016.** Third-grader Max and his father go on neighborhood adventures as they both adjust to recent changes in the family.

### **Picture Books**

**Cofelt, Nancy. *Fred Stays with Me*. 2006.** A child describes how she goes back and forth from mom's house to dad's house. However, her dog stays with her.

**Daly, Cathleen. *Emily's Blue Period*. 2014.** When Emily parents divorce, she enters a “blue period” in her art (modeled after Picasso’s blue period).

**Levins, Sandra. *Do You Sing Twinkle?* 2010.** A boy’s parents help him adjust to his new stepfamily when his mother remarries.

**Levins, Sandra. *Was It the Chocolate Pudding?* 2005.** A little boy learns that that he did not cause his parents’ divorce.

**Masurel, Claire. *Two Homes*. 2003.** Alex enjoys the homes of both of his parents who live apart but love him very much.

**Simoneau, D.K. *We’re Having a Tuesday*. 2006.** A child misses her mother when she’s at her dad’s house and her father when she’s at her mom’s house. She realizes that they are both in her heart.

### **Nonfiction**

**Cook, Julia. *The “D” Word*. 2011.** Clarifies for children what divorce is and offers tools and insights to help them deal.

**Holyoke, Nancy. *A Smart Girl’s Guide to Her Parents’ Divorce*. 2009.** American Girl answers girls’ questions about every aspect of divorce.

**King, Kimberly. *When Your Parents Divorce*. 2013.** A family learns how to deal with divorce. A kid-to-kid guide for dealing with divorce.

**Ricci, Isolina. *Mom’s House, Dad’s House for Kids*. 2006.** Kids can’t get their parents back together, but they can learn to manage schedules, different house rules, stress, and feelings like guilt and fear.