

READING WITH DAD

A list of quality children's picture books featuring fathers

Most titles are readily available through bookstores and libraries. However, titles marked with an asterisk (*) are difficult to find and may be out of print. These titles can often be located through local libraries.

FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

Baby Dance (1999) by Ann Taylor

A board book in which an African-American father croons to his baby daughter and dances while holding her.

Daddy is a Doodlebug (2000) by Bruce Degen

With inventive rhyme, a father bug and his child savor the special joys of companionship.

Daddy Makes the Best Spaghetti (1986) by Anna Grossnickle Hines

A board book with a dad food shopping, making dinner, and generally being a househusband.

Daddy Will Be There (1998) by Lois G. Grambling

A little girl knows that no matter what happens that her father will be there.

* **Dad's Car Wash** (1988) by Harry Sutherland

An imaginative story of a dad giving his son a (car wash) bath.

Dad's Dinosaur Day (1993) by Diane Dawson Heard

Dad's behavior changes when he becomes a dinosaur for a day.

If I Were Your Father (1999) by Margaret Park Bridges

In this warm and humorous conversation, a little boy offers his own fantastic vision of what a father might do.

Just Like Daddy (1981) by Frank Asch

A very young bear describes all the activities he does during the day that are just like his daddy's.

Kevin and His Dad (1999) by Irene Smalls

With Mom away on a Saturday, a father and son spend the whole day together first with household chores and then with some fun activities.

Let's Play Rough (2000) by Lynne Jonell

A young boy wants to play rough with his father, but not too rough.

Lots of Dads (1997) by Shelley Rotner & Sheila M. Kelly

Bright, joyful photos and a simple text show how dads are different and special.

My Dad (1991) by Debbie Bailey

A board book with photos of a variety of dads and children in natural settings.

My Dad (2000) by Anthony Browne

A child exaggerates the many wonderful things about his dad.

My Daddy And I... (1991) by Eloise Greenfield

A board book exploring the chores and fun a dad and son have together.

Night Shift Daddy (2000) by Eileen Spinelli

A father who works the night shift has a special bond with his daughter.

The Night Worker (2000) by Kate Banks

A son accompanies his father for his night job at a construction site.

On a Wintry Morning (2000) by Dori Chaconas

A graceful poem of a father and a baby bundling up for an early morning outing.

Rainy Day (2000) by Emma Haughton

Shortly after his parents have separated, a son spends a rainy day with his father.

A Special Kind of Love (1995) by Stephen Michael King

A father builds wonderful things for his son out of boxes as his special way of saying "I love you."

Ten, Nine, Eight (1983) by Molly Bang

A little girl and her father count down from 10 to 1 as she prepares to go to bed.

Tom and Pippo Read a Story (1988) by Helen Oxenbury

A board book with a father reading to his son, and then the boy reading to his stuffed animal.

Two Homes (2001) by Claire Masurel

A young boy enjoys the homes of both his parents who live apart but love him very much.

Vroomaloom Zoom (2000) by John Coy (Minnesota Author)

A father takes his daughter on an imaginary car ride, lulling her to sleep with various sounds.

What Daddies Do Best (1998) by Laura Numeroff

Fathers participating in everyday activities show their love for their children in very similar ways.

What Dads Can't Do (2000) by Douglas Wood (Minnesota Author)

A humorous account on how dads show love by explaining all the things they can not do.

FOR OLDER CHILDREN

Animal Dads (1997) by Sneed B. Collard III

Within the animal world, fathers have specific roles.

Boundless Grace (1995) by Mary Hoffman

In a sequel to *Amazing Grace*, a little girl flies to Africa to visit the father she barely remembers.

Carlos and the Cornfield/Carlos y la milpa de maiz (1995) by Jan Romero Stevens
In this English/Spanish bilingual story, a boy learns the meaning of his father's statement, "You reap what you sow."

Dad and Me in the Morning (1994) by Patricia Lakin
A young deaf boy spends a glorious morning sharing the beauty of a sunrise with his father.

* **Daddy and Me** (1993) by Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe
A photo story of former tennis star Arthur Ashe, his struggle with AIDS, and his special relationship with his daughter.

Daddy, Could I Have an Elephant? (1996) by Jake Wolf
A father and son discuss the boy's exotic ideas about getting a pet.

Daddy Played Music for the Cows (1995) by Maryann Weidt (Minnesota Author)
A daughter's memories of her father and growing up on the farm.

Daddy's Roommate (1990) by Michael Willhoite
A child with divorced parents whose father is gay and has a roommate.

Everett Anderson's Goodbye (1983) by Lucille Clifton
A little boy experiences the five stages of grief as he comes to terms with his father's death.

Faraway Home (2000) by Jane Kurtz
A little girl in America worries as her father prepares for a trip to visit his ill mother in Ethiopia.

Fly Away Home (1991) by Eve Bunting
A father and son are homeless and living at the airport.

How Many Stars in the Sky? (1991) by Lenny Hort
When a father and son can't sleep, they take a long drive to the country to count the stars.

In Daddy's Arms I Am Tall (1997)
A collection of poems celebrating African-American fathers

Just the Two of Us (2001) by Will Smith
A popular song adds to the story of a father's love as his child grows from a boy into a man.

Lewis & Papa (1998) by Barbara Joosse
While accompanying his father on the wagon train along the Santa Fe Trail, a young boy discovers what it is to be a man.

Loon Summer (2001) by Barbara Santucci
A girl and her father spend their first summer at the lake without the girl's mother.

My Father's Boat (1998) by Sherry Garland
A Vietnamese immigrant tells his son how he learned to fish from his father.

Night Driving (1996) by John Coy (Minnesota Author)
A father and son drive into the night and watch for night animals, swap baseball stories, and keep a lookout for eighteen wheelers.

Owl Moon (1987) by Jane Yolen

On a winter's night under a full moon, a father and daughter trek into the woods to go owling.

* **Papa's Stories** (1994) by Dolores Johnson

A little girl enjoys her father reading stories to her, but then discovers he's telling stories because he can't read.

Sammy Wakes His Dad (2002) by Chip Emmons

A father, who is in a wheelchair, is reluctant to join his son in going fishing, until his son's love finally moves him to action.

Reading with Dad (2000) by Richard Jorgensen (Minnesota Author)

A father and daughter share the power and joy of reading together from youth to old age.

The Summer My Father Was Ten (1998) by Pat Brisson

A father tells his son the story of how he damaged a neighbor's tomato garden when he was a boy and what he did to make amends.

Tight Times (1979) by Barbara Shook Hazen

A small boy, not allowed to have a dog because times are tight, finds a starving kitten in a trash can on the same day his father loses his job.

Visiting Day (2002) by Jacqueline Woodson

A young girl and her grandmother visit the girl's father in prison.

The Wall (1990) by Eve Bunting

A little boy and his father visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC to find the name of the boy's grandfather.

* **Your Dad Was Just Like You** (1993) by Dolores Johnson

A little boy, who is not getting along well with his father, learns some interesting things from his grandfather.

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