

**Packer Collegiate Institute  
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**Diverse Families**

301.42 S

Simon, Norma. All Kinds of Families.

Explores in words and pictures what a family is and how families vary in makeup and life-styles.

301.42 T

Tax, Meredith. Families.

Text and black-and-white illustrations bring to life families of all shapes and sizes, each unique, and each full of love and fun.

305.23 C

Copsey, Susan Elizabeth. Children Just Like Me.

Photographs and text depict the homes, schools, amily life, and culture of young people around the world.

305.23 S

Simon, Norma. All Kinds of Children.

Presents the things that children all over the world have in common, including their need for food, clothes, people to love them, and the opportunity to play.

306.85 K

Kuklin, Susan. Families

Presents brief interviews with children from fifteen diverse American families--large, small, mixed-race, immigrant, gay and lesbian, divorced, single-parent, religious, adoptive, and special-needs families--about their parents, siblings, lifestyles, and traditions. I ncludes photos of each family.

306.85 L

Lomas Garza, Carmen. Family Pictures.

The author describes, in bilingual text and illustrations, her experiences growing up in a Hispanic community in Texas.

306.85 M

Morris, Ann. Families.

A simple explanation of families, how they function, how they are different, and how they are alike.

808.88 F

Fathers: a Celebration in Prose, Poetry, and Photography of Fathers and Fatherhood ...

A collection of poetry, prose, and drawings by and about fathers, from both the personal and the abstract view.

811 Y

Dear Mother, Dear Daughter.

A mother and daughter communicate by letters in the form of poems, dealing with issues of adolescent life, such as homework, messy bedrooms, lengthy telephone calls, and the death of a grandparent.

811.0081 I

In Daddy's Arms I am Tall: African-Americans Celebrating Fathers.

An illustrated collection of poems celebrating African-American fathers by Angela Johnson, E.Ethelbert Miller, Carole Boston Weatherford, and others.

E ADOFF

Adoff, Arnold. Black is Brown is Tan.

Describes in verse the life of brown-skinned Mom, white-skinned Dad, their children, and assorted relatives.

E BENJAMIN

Benjamin, Amanda. Two's Company.

Feeling threatened by the possibility of her mother's remarriage, Maddy copes by planning her own wedding to her lizard friend, Little Adam Zurka.

E BORNSTEIN

Bornstein, Ruth. Little Gorilla.

Little Gorilla's family and friends try to help him overcome his special growing pains.

E CHILD

Child, Lauren. Clarice Bean, Guess Who's Babysitting?

When her Uncle Ted, the fireman, comes to stay with Clarice and her siblings while her mother is away, things get somewhat hectic.

E CREWS

Crews, Donald. Bigmama's.

Visiting Bigmama's house in the country, young Donald Crews finds his relatives full of news and the old place and its surroundings just the same as the year before.

E HOFFMAN

Hoffman, Mary. Boundless Grace.

Grace is invited for a visit with her father and his new family in Africa.

E LEEDY

Leedy, Loreen. Who's Who in My Family?

The students in Ms. Fox's class each make a family tree. They learn how their aunts, uncles, grandparents, and cousins are related to them.

E MACLACHLAN

MacLachlan, Patricia. All the Places to Love.

A young boy describes the favorite places that he shares with his family on his grandparents' farm and in the nearby countryside.

E MANDELBAUM

Mandelbaum, Pili. You be me, I'll be you.

A brown-skinned daughter and her white father experiment to see what it would be like to have the other's skin color.

E MCKISSACK

McKissack, Pat. Messy Bessey's Family Reunion.

After having fun at their family reunion, Messy Bessey's family cleans up and leaves the park as beautiful as when they arrived.

E MONK

Monk, Isabell. Family.

Hope's new and unusual dessert blends well with the traditional dishes prepared by her cousins and aunt at their annual summer get-together.

E PARR

Parr, Todd. The Family book.

Describes a variety of families, some big and some small, some with only one parent and some with two moms or dads, some quiet and some noisy, but all alike and special in some ways.

E PELLEGRINI

Pellegrini, Nina. Families Are Different.

An adopted Korean girl discovers that her classmates have different types of families, each special in its own way

E RUSSO

Russo, Marisabina. When Mama Gets Home.

As she helps her older sister and brother get dinner started, a young girl looks forward to spending time with her mother when she gets home from work.

E RYLANT

Rylant, Cynthia. The Relatives Came.

When a friendly crowd of relatives comes to visit from Virginia and everyone has a wonderful time.

E SMALLS

Smalls, Irene. Kevin and His Dad.

Kevin feels excitement, pride, pleasure and love as he spends an entire day working and playing with his father.

E SMITH

Smith, Will. Just the Two of Us.

Celebrates the dignity, integrity, and honor of being a father.

E STEIG

Steig, William. Spinky Sulks.

Spinky believes his family does not love him or understand him until their reaction to a surprise he arranges convinces him otherwise.

E TARPLEY

Tarpley, Natasha. Bippity Bop Barbershop.

Celebrates an African-American boy's first trip to the barbershop with his father.

E WELLS

Wells, Rosemary. Noisy Nora.

Feeling neglected, Nora makes more and more noise to attract her parents' attention.

E WILLIAMS

Williams, Vera B. A Chair for My Mother.

A child, her waitress mother, and her grandmother save dimes to buy a comfortable armchair after all their furniture is lost in a fire.

E WING

Wing, Natasha. Jalapeño Bagels.

For International Day at school, Pablo wants to bring something that reflects the cultures of both his parents.

E WOODSON

Woodson, Jacqueline. We Had a Picnic This Sunday Past.

A young girl describes her various relatives and the foods they bring to the annual family picnic.

E ZAMORANO

Zamorano, Ana. Let's Eat!

Each day Antonio's Mamá tries to get everyone to sit down together to eat, but someone is always busy elsewhere, until the family celebrates a new arrival.

## **Adoption**

### **Nonfiction Books**

301.42 K

Krementz, Jill. How it Feels To Be Adopted.

Interviews with adopted children and adoptive families about their experiences and feelings concerning adoption.

362.7 D

D'Antonio, Nancy. Our Baby from China: An Adoption Story.

An American couple goes to China to adopt a baby.

362.7 F

Fry, Ying Ying. Kids Like Me in China.

Eight-year-old Ying Ying, a Chinese girl who has been adopted by U.S. parents, describes her visit to the orphanage in Changsha, Hunan province where she was born.

362.7 G

Girard, Linda Walvoord. We Adopted You, Benjamin Koo.

Nine-year-old Benjamin Koo Andrews, adopted from Korea as an infant, describes what it's like to grow up adopted from another country.

362.7 R

Rogers, Fred. Adoption.

Discusses what it means to be part of a family and examines some feelings that adopted children may have.

362.73 B

Bartlett, Therese. When You Were Born in Vietnam: A Memory Book for Children Adopted from Vietnam.

A book meant for Vietnamese children adopted by Americans to help them understand what Vietnam is like, why they were put up for adoption, and what they and everyone else went through in order for them to come to their new homes.

PROF 362.73 J

Johnson, Kay Ann. Wanting a Daughter, Needing a Son: Abandonment, Adoption, and Orphanage Care in China.

An examination of domestic and international adoption in China, providing political, social, and historical context for the current situation.

## **Picture Books**

### **E CURTIS**

Curtis, Jamie Lee. Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born.

A young girl asks her parents to tell her again the story of her birth and adoption.

### **E KATZ**

Katz, Karen. Over the Moon: An Adoption Tale.

A loving couple dream of a baby born far away and know that this is the baby they have been waiting to adopt.

### **E KOEHLER**

Koehler, Phoebe. The Day We Met You.

Mom and Dad recount the exciting day when they brought their adopted baby home.

### **E LITTLE**

Little, Jean. Emma's Yucky Brother.

Emma finds out how hard it is to be a big sister when her family adopts a four-year-old boy named Max.

### **E TURNER**

Turner, Ann Warren. Through Moon and Stars and Night Skies.

A boy who came from far away to be adopted by a couple in this country remembers how unfamiliar and frightening some of the things were in his new home, before he accepted the love to be found there.

## **Picture Books-International Adoption**

### **E BUNTING**

Bunting, Eve. Jin Woo.

Davey is dubious about having a new adopted brother from Korea, but when he finds out that his parents still love him, he decides that having a brother will be fine.

### **E CZECH**

Czech, Jan M. The Coffee Can Kid.

Six-year-old Annie asks the father who adopted her to retell the story of how she came to America from Korea.

### **E LEWIS**

Lewis, Rose A. I Love You Like Crazy Cakes.

A woman describes how she went to China to adopt a special baby girl.

### **E OKIMOTO**

Okimoto, Jean Davies. The White Swan Express: A Story About Adoption.

Across North America, people in four different homes prepare for a special trip to China, while four baby girls in China await their new adoptive parents.

### **E SAY**

Say, Allen. Allison.

When Allison realizes that she looks more like her favorite doll than like her parents, she comes to terms with this discovery with the help of a stray cat.

### **E STOEKE**

Stoeke, Janet Morgan. Waiting for May.

A young boy looks forward to the day when a new sister, who will be adopted from China, joins his family.

E THOMAS

Thomas, Eliza. The Red Blanket.

Tells the story of a single woman who goes to China to adopt a baby.

E YOUNG

Young, Ed. My Mei Mei.

Antonia gets her wish when her parents return to China to bring home a Mei Mei, or younger sister, for her.

### **Divorce & Blended Families**

306.8 K

Fayerweather Street School. Unit. The Kids' Book of Divorce: By, For, and About Kids.

Twenty children, aged 11 to 14, discuss various aspects of divorce, including custody arrangements, stepparents, how they were first told about their parents' divorce, and how divorce has changed their lives.

306.89 K

Brown, Laurene Krasny. Dinosaur's Divorce.

Text and illustrations of dinosaur characters introduces children to aspects of divorce such as its causes and effects, living with a single parent, spending holidays in separate households, and adjusting to a stepparent.

306.89 H

Holyoke, Nancy. Help!: A Girl's Guide to Divorce and Stepfamilies.

Answers letters from girls dealing with various aspects of divorce, remarriage, and stepfamilies. Includes tips, quizzes, and advice.

306.89 K

Krementz, Jill. How It Feels When Parents Divorce.

Boys and girls, ages seven to sixteen, share their feelings about their parents' divorce.

306.89 S

Sobol, Harriet Langsam. My Other-Mother, My Other-Father.

Twelve-year-old Andrea, whose parents have divorced and remarried, discusses the complexities of her new, larger family.

E CASELEY

Caseley, Judith. Priscilla Twice.

When Priscilla's parents divorce, she learns that there are different kinds of families.

E CAINES

Caines, Jeannette Franklin. Daddy.

A child of separated parents describes the special activities she shares with her father on Saturdays.

E COY

Coy, John. Two Old Potatoes and Me.

After a young girl finds two old potatoes at her father's house, they plant and tend them to see if they will have new potatoes in September.

E DRAGONWAGON

Dragonwagon, Crescent. Diana, Maybe.

Rosie speculates about what her life would be like if she had never met her half-sister, Diana.

E GIRARD

Girard, Linda Walvoord. At Daddy's on Saturdays.

Although her parents' divorce causes her to feel anger, concern, and sadness, Katie discovers that she can keep a loving relationship with her father even though he lives apart from her.

E MASUREL

Masurel, Claire. Two Homes.

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

E RUSH

Rush, Ken. Friday's Journey.

When it is time for seven-year-old Chris to leave his mother and go to his father's house for the weekend, he rides the New York subway with his father and thinks about the wonderful places in the city they can visit together.

F DANZINGER

Danzinger, Paula. Amber Brown Goes Fourth.

Entering fourth grade Amber faces changes and challenges, as her best friend moves away and she copes with her parents divorce.

F FINE

Fine, Anne. Step by Wicked Step: a novel

Five schoolmates share the stories of their parents' estrangements, divorces, and remarriages and the effects these events have had on their lives.

F PARK

Park, Barbara. Don't Make Me Smile.

A young boy has trouble adjusting to his parent's divorce.

### Gay & Lesbian Families

E ELWIN

Elwin, Rosamund. Asha's Mums.

Asha, an African-Canadian girl whose lesbian mums become an issue for the teacher and the curiosity of classmates, responds with clarity and assuredness that having two mums is no big deal--they are a family.

E GARDEN

Garden, Nancy. Molly's Family.

While preparing decorations for Open School Night, Molly and several of her classmates draw pictures of their families and discover that family means something different to each of them.

E RICHARDSON

Richardson, Justin. And Tango makes three.

At New York City's Central Park Zoo, two male penguins fall in love and start a family by taking turns sitting on an abandoned egg until it hatches.

E WICKENS

Wickens, Elaine. Anna Day and the O-ring.

Evan lives with his family of two mothers and Anna Day the dog. Evan and his family try to put up his new tent which is his before-birthday present but they cannot find the O-ring. They look for it everywhere before finding it under Anna Day.

E WILLHOITE

Willhoite, Michael. Daddy's Roommate.

A young boy discusses his divorced father's new living situation, in which the father and his gay roommate share eating, doing chores, playing, loving, and living.

E VIGNA

Vigna, Judith. My Two Uncles.

Elly's grandfather has trouble accepting the fact that his son is gay.

### **Siblings**

E DRESCHER

Drescher, Joan E. The Birth-Order Blues.

A school newspaper reporter surveys kids on how they feel about being born first, last, or in the middle of their family's hierarchy.

E GRINDLEY

Grindley, Sally. It's My School.

Tom is not happy that his younger sister, Alice, is starting kindergarten at his school.

E JOHNSON

Johnson, Angela. One of Three.

A series of candid reflections by the youngest of three sisters on her daily relationships with her older sisters and family.

E MACLACHLAN

MacLachlan, Patricia. What You Know First.

As a family prepares to move away from their farm, the daughter reflects on all the things she loves there so that when her baby brother is older she can tell him what it was like.

E VAN LEEUWEN

Van Leeuwen, Jean. Benny & Beautiful Baby Delilah.

Benny is not pleased when his baby sister, Delilah, arrives at his house. It takes a little time for him to see how beautiful she is.

E WINTHROP

Winthrop, Elizabeth. Squashed in the Middle.

When Daisy, a middle child, is invited to spend the night at her friend's house, her family finally begins to pay her the attention she's been craving.

E ZALABAN

Zalaban, Jane Breskin. Baby Babka, the Gorgeous Genius.

Unhappy when the baby sister she was expecting turns out to be another brother, Beryl schemes with her brother, Sam, to make the newborn disappear. But when Uncle Morty shares stories about his loving big sisters, Beryl has a change of heart.

## **Multi-generational Family Stories**

### **E BAHR**

Bahr, Mary. The Memory Box.

When Gramps realizes he has Alzheimer's disease, he starts a memory box with his grandson, Zach, to keep memories of all the times they have shared.

### **E BUNTING**

Bunting, Eve. So Far From the Sea.

When seven-year-old Laura and her family visit Grandfather's grave at the Manzanar War Relocation Center, the Japanese-American child leaves behind a special symbol.

### **E FLOURNOY**

Flournoy, Valerie. The Patchwork Quilt.

Using scraps from the family's old clothing, Tanya helps her grandmother and mother make a beautiful quilt that tells the story of her family's life.

### **E DORROS**

Dorros, Arthur. Abuela.

While riding on a bus with her grandmother, a little girl imagines that they are carried up into the sky and fly over the sights of New York City.

### **E DORROS**

Dorros, Arthur. Isla.

A young girl and her grandmother take an imaginary journey to the Caribbean island where her mother grew up and where some of her family still lives.

### **E HAVILL**

Havill, Juanita. Treasure Nap.

On an afternoon when it is too hot to sleep, a young girl asks to hear the story about how her great-great-grandmother came to the United States from Mexico, bringing a special treasure.

### **E HEST**

Hest, Amy. Jamaica Louise James.

On her eighth birthday Jamaica receives paints which she uses to surprise her grandmother and to brighten the subway station where Grammy works.

### **E IGUS**

Igus, Toyomi. Two Mrs. Gibsons.

The biracial daughter of an African-American father and a Japanese mother fondly recalls growing up with her mother and her father's mother, two very different but equally loving women.

### **E KHALSA**

Khalsa, Dayal Kaur. Tales of a Gambling Grandma.

Reminiscences of a grandmother who came to this country from Russia, married a plumber, gambled to earn extra money, and formed a strong bond with her young granddaughter.

### **E POLACCO**

Polacco, Patricia. The Keeping Quilt.

A homemade quilt ties together the lives of four generations of an immigrant Jewish family, remaining a symbol of their enduring love and faith.

E SAY

Say, Allen. Grandfather's Journey.

A Japanese-American man recounts his grandfather's journey to America which he later also undertakes, and the feelings of being torn by a love for two different countries.