Children's Books on Sensitive Issues

A booklist exploring serious issues in children's lives: illness, child abuse, divorce, moving, disabilities, prejudice, and feelings...

Family Illness
- J 362.196 Numeroff: The Hope Tree (Breast Cancer)
- J 614.599 Ballard: AIDS and other Epidemics
- E Abeele: Still My Grandmá (Alzheimer’s)
- E Castellucci: Grandma’s Gloves (Alzheimer’s)
- E Elliott: Just Because (Special needs)
- E Johnson: Noah’s Garden: when someone you love is in the hospital
- E Levine: What a Beautiful Morning (Alzheimer’s)
- E Matthes: The Goodbye Cancer Garden
- E Shriver: What’s Happening to Grandpa? (Alzheimer’s)

Fear
- J 001.944 O'Meara: Are You Afraid Yet? The Science Behind Scary Stuff
- J 152.46 Crist: What to do When You’re Scared and Worried: a guide for kids
- J 152.46 Graves: Who feels Scared?
- J 155.904 Woodburn: A Smart Girl’s Guide: worry

Self-Acceptance
- J 177.5 Lynette: How to deal with Discrimination
- J 305.8 Roberts: What Makes Us Unique?
- E Atkinson: I, Emma Freke
- E Baker: I love You Because You’re You
- E Helakoski: Woolbur
- E Holand: John Jensen Feels Different
- E Rosenthal: The OK Book
- J Book & CD: It’s Okay to Be Different

Shyness
- J 155.418 Johnston: Let’s Talk About Being Shy
- E Hines: My Grandma is Coming to Town
- E Ruzzier: Amandina
- E Thompson: Wee Little Lamb

Social Problems
- J 331.137 Lynette: What to do When Your Parent is out of Work
- J 362.5 Roberts: On Our Street (poverty)
- E Reeves Sturgis: Still a Family (homeless)
- E Thomas: Take Care Good Knight (illiteracy)
- J Fic Reedy: Words In the Dust (illiteracy)

Prejudice and Discrimination
- J 177.5 Lynette: How to deal with Discrimination
- J 305.8 Roberts: What Makes Us Unique?
- J 305.8 Watson: Respecting Cultural Differences
- J 379.263 Morrison: Remember the Journey to School Integration
- JB Yousafzai: Malala Activist for Girls’ Education
- E Bates: The Big Umbrella
- E Parr: It’s Okay to Be Different
- E Ruzzier: Bear and Bee
- E Uhlberg: Dad, Jackie, and Me
- J Fic Taylor: Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

Moving
- E Denise: Bella and Stella Come Home
- E Watt: Augustine
- E R 2 Wallace: One Nosy Pup
- J Fic Collard: Dog Sense

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**Absence Parents**
J 362.73 Parr We Belong Together: a book about adoption and families
J 362.733 Wilgocki Maybe Days: a book for kids in foster care
J 362.733 Stewart A House between Homes: Kids in foster care
J 362.82 Higgins The Night Dad Went to Jail
E Carroll Papa’s Backpack (dad in military)
E Gilman Murphy’s Three Homes (feeling unwanted)
E Hardin Hero Dad (dad in military)
J Fic Grimes The Road to Paris (foster children)
J Fic Hayden The Very Worst Thing (foster child)
J Fic Wolfson What I Call Life (foster care)

**Alcoholism and Drugs in Families**
J 362.29 Bang Talking About Alcohol
J 362.29 Westcott Why Do People Take Drugs?
J Fic Gantos Joey Pigza Loses Control
J Fic Haydu Rules for Stealing Stars
J Fic Woodworth When Ratboy Lived Next Door

**Anger and Jealous**
J 152.47 Verdict How to Take the Grrrrr out of Anger
J 152.48 Levet Being Jealous
J 371.782 Agassi Hands are Not for Hitting
E Angelina A Dance of Friendship (jealousy)
E Bang When Sophie Gets Angry, Really, Really Angry
E Berenstain Berenstain bears and the Green-eyed Monster
E Harris The Day Leo Said I Hate You
E Hartt-Sussman Here Comes Hortense! (jealousy)
E Hollyer Lulu and the Birthday Party (jealousy)
E Ormerod The Baby Swap
E Paschiks Mooshka: a quilt story (jealousy)
E Russo The Trouble with Baby (lack of attention)
E Sakai Mad at Mommy
E Spelman When I Feel Angry
E Weever My Wild Sister and Me (lack of attention)

**Behavior Problems**
E Bardhan-Quallen Tyrannosaurus Wrecks
E Bonwill Bug and Bear (too tired)
E Buzzzone No T. Rex in the Library (bad behavior)
E Harper When Randolph Turned Rotten
E Harris The Day Leo Said I Hate You
E Harris Woolbur
E Shannon David series (bad behavior)
E Tobin The Very Inappropriate Word
E Wells Time Out for Sophie (time outs)
E Willis Do Little Mermaids Wet Their Beds?

**Bullies**
J 302.34 Mattern Bulling
J 302.34 Criswell Stand up for Yourself and Your Friends
E Carlson Henry and the Bully
E Cuyler Bullies Never Win
E O’Neill The Recess Queen
E Roche Mim, Gym, and June
J Fic Gervay I Am Jack
J Fic Kowitt The Loser List
J Fic Yee Warp Speed

**Child Abuse**
J 306.362 Newman Child Slavery in Modern Times
J 362.76 Oslaja My Body is Mine
J 613.6 Raatma Safety Around Stangers
J 613.6 Spelman Your Body Belongs to You!
J 613.608 Donahue Say No and Go: stranger safety
J 613.66 Starishchevsky My Body Belongs to Me
J Fic Abbott The Summer of Owen Todd
J Fic Bradley The War That Saved My Life
J Fic Greenburg Claws
J Fic Olson Call me Hope: a novel

**Disabilities**
J 362.196 Gray Living with Cerebral Palsy
J 362.4 Thomas Don’t Call Me Special: a first look at disability
J 362.4048 Hansen Panda: a guide horse for Ann
J 362.407 Martin Helpers (cerebral palsy)
J 362.42 Heelan Can You Hear a Rainbow?
J 362.43 Powell Sam Uses a Wheelchair
J 618.928 Tourville My Friend Has Autism
J 618.928 Shapiro Autism and Me: sibling stories
J 618.928 Thompson Ballerina Dreams: a true story
J B Keller by Cline-Rabkin Helen Keller the World in her Heart
E Anderson We go in a Circle (hippo therapy)
E Elliott Just Because (disabled sister)
E Millman Moses goes to School (hearing impaired school)
E Moore Catherine’s Story (epilepsy)
E Seeger Deaf Musicians

**Divorce and Remarriage**
J 306.89 Bingham Why Do Families Break Up?
J 306.89 Cole My Parents’ Divorce
J 306.89 Macgregor The Divorce Helpbook for Kids
J 306.89 Murphy Divorce and Separation
J 306.874 Stewart I Live In Two Homes: adjusting to divorce and remarriage
J 306.89 Roberts Why Do Families Change?
E Coftelt Fred Stays With Me!
E Hines When We Married Gary
E Jackson Eggs Over Evie
E Masurel Two Homes
E Shreve Oliver at the Window
J Fic Allison The Bones of the Holy
J Fic Green Best of the Best: a baseball great novel
J Fic Yee So Totally Emily Ebers