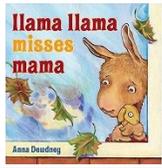
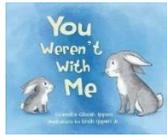
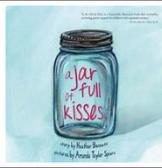
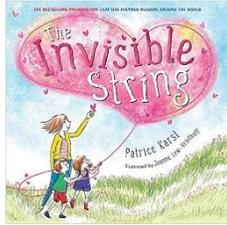
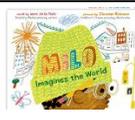


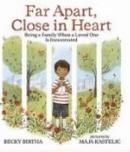
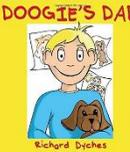
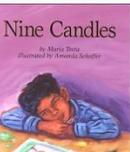
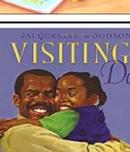
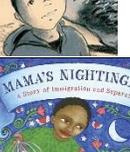
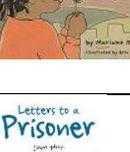
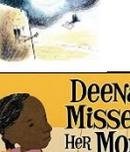


Caregiver Connection: Books Can Help Spark Conversations

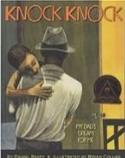
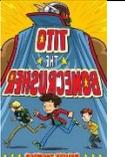
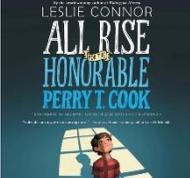
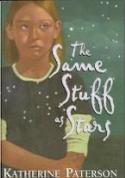
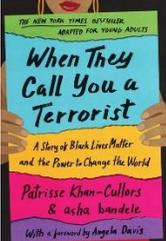
Children’s books offer a valuable way talk about their emotions. Here are a few examples of books that feature children coping with the incarceration of a loved one or dealing with the stress of separation. We recommend that you read a book first before sharing with your child to be sure it’s a good fit for your child and to be prepared to support your child emotionally or answer questions.

	In My Family	2-6	This book from Sesame Street’s Coping with Incarceration explores experiences and emotions.
	Llama Llama Misses Momma	2-5	This is a story about Llama’s first day of preschool and how he handles the new environment away from mama
	You Weren’t With Me	3-5	This book explores feelings that might be felt after a difficult separation.
	A Jar Full of Kisses	3-5	A Jar Full of Kisses is helpful in working through the anxiety and fears that occur from separation.
	The Invisible String	3-5	This book is about the connection we have with loved ones, even when we cannot be together physically.
	Mango Moon	3-5	<i>Mango Moon</i> shows what life is like from a child's perspective when a parent is deported.
	Milo Imagines the World	3-8	Milo is on a long subway ride with his older sister. To pass the time, he studies the faces around him and makes pictures of their lives.



	Far Apart, Close in Heart	4-8	This story illustrates a range of situations children may face with moms or dads behind bars, while reassuring them they are not alone.
	Doogie's Dad	4-8	This story is about Doogie, a young boy and his sister, whose father is sent to prison. It explores their feelings of loss, fear and frustration.
	Nine Candles	4-10	After visiting his mother in prison on his seventh birthday, Raymond wishes it were his ninth birthday when Mama has promised to be home with his dad and him.
	Visiting Days	5-7	A young girl and her grandmother prepare for a very special day--the one day a month they get to visit the girl's father in prison.
	Hazelnut Days	5-7	This book explores the inner life of a boy who struggles to love his father.
	Mama's Nightingale	5-8	The story centers on Saya, who is struggling with the separation from her mother,
	Missing Daddy	5-8	In an author's note, Kaba says that she wrote Missing Daddy because of her frustration finding materials that can help children deal with the "loss, grief, and trauma" of having a parent incarcerated.
	Letters to a Prisoner	5-10	Told entirely through illustrations, Letters to a Prisoner is a wordless story about the power of hope and the written word.
	Deena Misses her Mom	5-10	This book follows the emotions of a young girl as she misses her mother.



	Knock Knock: My Dad's Dream for Me	7-10	This story shows the strength that children find in themselves as they grow up and follow their dreams.
	Ruby on the Outside	8-10	Ruby's mom is in prison, and to tell anyone the truth is to risk true friendship in this novel that accurately and sensitively addresses a subject too often overlooked
	Lizzie Flying Solo	8-10	Lizzie just wants to keep her head down so she doesn't have to admit the real reason she and her mom lost everything. But when Lizzie finds herself at the nearby Birchwood Stables Lizzie is able to open up and accept help from those around her,
	Tito the Bone Crusher	8-10	Heartwarming and hilarious, this book looks at what it takes to be a hero . . . and what happens when you realize that saving the day might not always be possible.
	All Rise for the Honorable Perry Cook	10+	When Perry moves to the "outside" world, he feels trapped. Desperate to be reunited with his mom, Perry goes on a quest for answers about her past crime.
	The Same Stuff As Stars	10+	When her dad is sent to jail Angel learns about family bonds and perseverance.
	Jakeman	10+	Jake and Shoshona take a community-provided school bus four times a year on the long overnight journey through New York State to visit their mother in jail. This time will be like no other trip they've ever taken.
	WHEN THEY CALL YOU A TERRORIST (Young Adult Edition): A Story of Black Lives Matter and the	10+	In this young adult adaptation of the original memoir , Patrisse Khan-Cullors—co-founder of the Black Lives Matter movement—recounts how she took the hardness of incarceration within her family and started a social movement.



	Power to Change the World		
	Bringing Me Back	10+	What price do we pay for our parents' mistakes? In this book compassion and unexpected humor are used in the story story of a boy and a bear trapped by poor choices and circumstances beyond their control—and shows how courage and resilience can heal even the most injured among us.