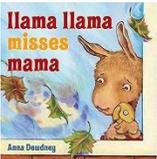
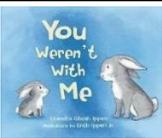
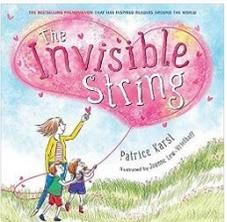
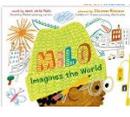
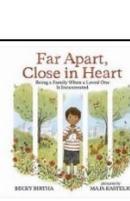


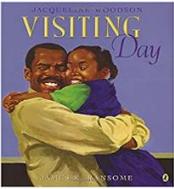
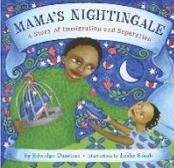
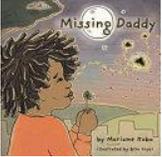
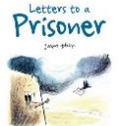
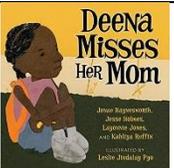
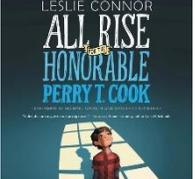
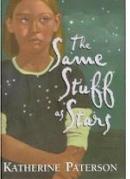


Caregiver Connection: Books Can Help Spark Conversations

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.
	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.



	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.
	Hazlenut 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.
	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.