



Daily Dose of Reading, Helping Dose

***Visiting Day* by Jacqueline Woodson (Picture Book, PS-Gr. 3)**

A young girl and her grandmother visit the girl's father in prison. Here is a story of strong families who understand the meaning of unconditional love. Also available in DVD.

***Mama Loves Me from Away* by Pat Brisson (Grades 1-5)**

When a mother and daughter are separated by the mother's incarceration, they find a special way to keep their loving relationship alive. Mama makes a unique gift for Sugar on their first birthday apart-something that will help bring them a little bit closer on the long days and nights apart.

***Nine Candles* by Maria Testa (Grades 2-4)**

It's Raymond's seventh birthday but instead of spending it home celebrating with his family and friends he is going to prison - to visit his mother who is serving a prison sentence.

***Amber was Brave, Essie was Smart* by Vera Williams (Grade 2 and up)**

A series of poems tells how two sisters help each other deal with life while their mother is working and their father has been sent to jail.

***Sunny Holiday* by Colleen Murtough (Grades 2-5)**

Sunny is an eternal optimist. She and her mother make a happy home while coping with dad's imprisonment.

***Harry Sue* by Sue Stauffacher (Grades 3-7)**

Harry Sue is tough. Her mom's in the slammer and she wants to get there too, so they can be together. But it's not so easy to become a juvenile delinquent when you've got a tender heart.

***Glennis, Before and After* by Patricia Calvert (Grades 3-7)**

After Glennis's dad ends up in prison and Mom has a nervous breakdown, Glennis lives with her weird Aunt Wanda so she can visit Dad every weekend at the correctional facility. She is sure he'll ask her to help prove his innocence, but quite the opposite happens.

***When Andy's Father Went to Prison* by Martha Whitmore Hickman (grades 4-7)**

When Andy's father is sent to prison for robbery and the family moves to be near him, Andy is afraid of what the kids at his new school will think.

***Jakeman* by Deborah Ellis (Grades 5-8)**

Jake and his older sister Shoshona, are foster children. Jake, a budding comic artist, has created an alter ego, Jakeman, to help him cope. The kids leave no stone unturned in trying to contact the Governor to plead for Mom's release from prison.

***Do Not Pass Go* by Kirkpatrick Hill (Grades 4-9)**

When Deet's father is jailed for using drugs, Deet learns that prison is not what he expected, nor are other people.

***Dog Years* by Sally Warner (Grades 5-8)**

After his father is imprisoned, Case switches to a new school, where he makes some important discoveries about friendship and honesty.

***Hush* by Jacqueline Woodson (Grade 5-9)**

A family experiences strife when dad testifies against police officers, forcing the family to lead a new life and find new strength in witness protection program.

***The Year The Swallows Came Early* by Kathryn Fitzmaurice (ages 11 through teen)**

An 11 year old girl copes with dad's imprisonment and gambling and learns about forgiveness.

***The Convicts* by Iain Lawrence**

A 14 year old boy in 19th century England loses his father to prison.

***Pool Boy* by Michael Simmons**

A teen boy accustomed to a posh lifestyle must readjust and cope when his dad is sent to prison for laundering money.

***My Life As A Girl* by Patricia Calvert (Grades 9-12)**

A young woman copes with shame and lifestyle change resulting from father's embezzlement and imprisonment and the attention of a con man boyfriend.

***Somewhere in the Darknes* by Walter Dean Myers**

A 14 year old boy copes with harsh realities of life on the run with his convict father. Learns that to understand someone else's life, you must first give meaning to your own.

NON FICTION RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND HELPING ADULTS:

***A Day in Court with Mrs. Trinh* by Alice K. Flanagan (Grades 1-2)**

Follows a legal aid attorney through her day as she researches a case, pulls together proof, gives her brief to the judge, and speaks for her client.

***Let's Talk About When your Parent is in Jail/* by Maureen K. Wittbold
(Grade 3 and up)**

More people are in prison today than at any other time in U.S. history. Many prisoners have children. The impact of this situation on kids can be traumatic. This book takes kids through the stages of a parent's incarceration to help them understand and deal with their thoughts, fears, and other feelings.

***My Daddy Is in Jail: Story, Discussion Guide and Small Group Activities for Grades K-5* by Janet Bender**

***Coping when a parent is in jail* by John J. La Valle (Grades 7-12)**

***When a Parent Goes to Jail: a Comprehensive Guide for Counseling Children of Incarcerated Parents* by Rebecca M. Yaffe (parent/teacher guide) (Grades K-7)**