Dinosaurs Divorce (A Guide For Changing Families)
Synopsis


Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years
Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

This book plays as a comic strip filled with vital information for a child whom is experiencing the tragedy of divorce. The pages light up with the vibrant depictions of the dinosaur families. The characters are depicted with great detail to facial expressions. The cartoon drawings will help the reader understand and relate to the different emotions expressed. This great learning tool includes the topics: divorce words and what they mean; why parents divorce; what about you; after the divorce; living with one parent; visiting your parent; having two home.... It lets the child know that it is not their fault for the parents’ divorce. It reassures the child that parents divorce when they are no longer able to get along no matter how hard they try. Feelings that a child may not be use to
experiencing such as sadness, shame, anger, guilt, and/or worried about who will take care of you. The book instructs the child to talk about how they feel so they may feel better. Often a child may be afraid to cry but Dinosaurs Divorce lets them know that it is okay to let their feelings out through tears. What I really love is that the book is realistic and never lies to the child. A child is told the truth that although they may hope that their parents will marry each other, it is very unlikely because divorce is final and most parents do not get back together. While reading the book, the reader gains useful tips about what to do after the divorce. An example is to not listen when parents say bad things about each other. The book offers the advice to tell them that you love both of them and hearing such bad things upsets you. Every area of divorce and the repercussions that may follow are covered in this book.

My ex husband and I divorced when my daughter was two (she’s seven now) and everything has always been friendly, so I never thought that we’d have any problems. However, this year she was unlucky enough to sit in class next to a little girl whose parents were having a very ugly and public divorce. Evidently these parents did nothing to hide the nastiness from their daughter either, because each day my daughter came home with a new horror story. The entire ordeal left my little girl very confused about what divorces where and what it meant for a family. A friend recommended this book and it solved everything!!! My daughter actually came into my room last night (with a HUGE smile on her face) and thanked me for buying the book. She also asked me to please thank the friend who recommended it. Her exact words about the book were that "it explained everything to me and now I understand -- its so much better now! I know everything is okay now." I can’t tell you how much I missed that smile, or how much hearing these words meant. I am not remarried and neither is my ex-spouse, so the "step" section didn’t apply to us either. However, I think that children should know what that is in case it comes up in the future, or if they encounter a friend who has a step family. It is important to answer all of their little questions before they become problems. About the parent who worried about the martini drinking mom -- my daughter saw it. No big deal. She was more impressed by the pills next to the empty glass. I just explained matter of factly that some people hurt themselves by drinking excessively or taking medication that the doctor doesn’t prescribe for them because they are so sad. That led to a discussion about sadness and how to deal with it.

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