

Title: Families Belong
Author: Dan Saks
Published: September 2020

Picture Book

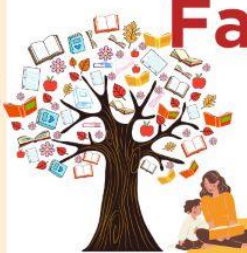
This board book is an appreciation of the unconditional love and comfort shared within a family. Through a handful of specific yet universal scenarios, from singing songs together to sharing food together, from dancing together to lying still together, this book invites the youngest readers to celebrate what it means for a family to be truly together.



Title: Grannies
Author: Bluey
Published: 1st September 2020

Board Book

Bluey and Bingo are playing - but do Grannies Floss? Come along with Bluey and Bingo while they find out the answer to this question, and negotiate family disagreements in this easy to read board book for younger children.

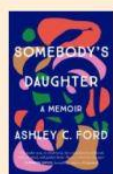


Family Stories

2023 Reading List



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Title: Somebody's Daughter
Author: Ashley C. Ford
Published: 1st June 2021

Adult Fiction

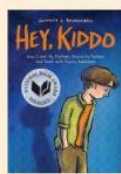
Somebody's Daughter steps into the world of growing up a poor girl with a family fragmented by incarceration, exploring how isolating and complex such a childhood can be. Ashley embarks on a powerful journey to find the threads between who she is and what she was born into, and the complicated familial love that often binds them.



Title: All My Rage
Author: Sabaa Tahir
Published: 1st March 2022

Teen Fiction

All My Rage is a devastatingly profound, emotionally moving story exploring the lives of the main characters and their interwoven journeys. It's a story of forgiveness and heartache that focuses on a Pakistani community reeling from grief and destructive choices. Yet, it is a love story of two souls desperate to make sense of all the chaos around their broken worlds.



Title: Hey Kiddo
Author: Jarrett Krosoczka
Published: 9th October 2018

Teen Graphic Novel

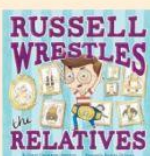
Jarrett Krosoczka's teacher asks him to draw his family, with a mommy and a daddy. But Jarrett's family is much more complicated than that. His mom is an addict, in and out of rehab, and in and out of Jarrett's life. His father is a mystery. Jarrett lives with his grandparents -- two very loud, very loving, very opinionated people who had thought they were through with raising children until Jarrett came along.



Title: Being Jimmy Baxter
Author: Fiona Lloyd
Published: 4th July 2023

Junior Fiction

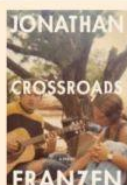
It's not eggsactly easy being Jimmy Baxter 'cause - The real Jimmy's hiding inside. A gently funny yet powerful coming-of-age junior novel about surviving the odds, unlikely friendships and the magical music of Elvis.



Title: Russell Wrestles the Relatives
Author: Cindy Johnson
Published: 12th June 2018

Picture Book

Family reunions mean lots of hugging, handshaking, and hair tousling. And Russell's relatives? Well, they are more...enthusiastic than most. BIGGER than most. BRAWNIER than most. They're wrestlers!



Title: Crossroads
Author: Jonathan Franzen
Published: 5th October 2021

Adult Fiction

A family saga set during the 1970s centering on the Hildebrandt family. Crossroads follows Russ and Marion Hildebrandt, whose marriage is close to collapse, and their four children, Clem, Becky, Perry, and Judson. Each chapter is told from the perspective of one of the Hildebrandts.



Title: Bedtime, Daddy!
Author: Sharon Giltrow
Published: 12th May 2020

Picture Book

Putting Daddy to bed can be hard work. Especially when he starts crying! Bedtime can be a mission for many, this is the perfect role-reversal bedtime story to help put any fussy child to bed in a fun and positive way. Full of heart and humour, Bedtime, Daddy! is for anyone who wants to try and put a grown-up to bed.



Title: Everything I've Never Said
Author: Samantha Wheeler
Published: 26th September 2018

Junior Fiction

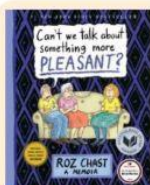
Ava wants nothing more than to tell her family she loves them, particularly her big sister, Nic. But Ava has Rett syndrome - she can't talk, nod her head or even point at a communication card. She understands everything, but no-one understands her.



Title: Waiting for Hugo
Author: Amanda Niland
Published: 2022

Picture Book

The story is narrated by Hugo's older sibling who grapples with acceptance of her brother's eccentricity. Hugo's obsession and consequent skill with numbers brings rewards for him and his sister, so that the story ends positively, celebrating Hugo's unique abilities.



Title: Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?
Author: Roz Chast
Published: 2014

Adult Graphic Novel

The book is about Chast's parents in their final years. The book describes various interactions between Chast and her parents. Chast, who lives in Connecticut, often used to visit her parents, calling their home "a hoarder's paradise". The couple is later moved into assisted living facilities near Chast's home due to their ailing health.



Title: Help Around The House
Author: Morris Gleitzman
Published: 3rd September 2018

Junior Fiction

Ludo helps other people. It's how he was brought up. When Dad is elected to Federal Parliament, Ludo grabs the chance to make Australia an even better place. But he soon discovers it's not the homeless of the national capital who most need his help - it's the rich and powerful.



Title: The Love Songs of W.E.B. Du Bois
Author: Honoree Fanonne Jeffers
Published: 24th August 2021

Adult Fiction

A breathtaking and ambitious debut novel that chronicles the journey of multiple generations of one American family. It explores the history of a family in the American South, from the time before the American civil war and slavery, through the Civil Rights Movement, to the present.