

# One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters.

*Old English proverb*

## Father's Day Books

As Father's Day approaches and you start to wonder what to give the men in your life who play important roles in your children's lives, consider giving them books to read with their favorite children.

Picture books such as "Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel" or "Curious George", funny stories such as "Flat Stanley" or chapter books like "The Little House on the Prairie" are just some of the many books that can be shared and enjoyed by adults and their favorite children. Choose the books together and make the reading even more special.

Time spent together sharing favorite stories can be the most precious gift you can give to everyone. It is a gift that will last a lifetime, provide memories of a special relationship, and be passed onto the next generation.

*Some of these books may be out of print and no longer available at your local bookstore but your local library may have copies.*

## Picture Books

**Just Like Daddy** by Frank Asch (Simon & Schuster)

A young bear does everything-just like his father.

**A Perfect Father's Day** by Eve Bunting (Clarion Books)

Susie's makes plans for Father's Day that are filled with her favorite activities.

**My Dad is Awesome** by Nick Butterworth (Candlewick)

An awesome tale about an awesome dad.

**Only My Dad and Me** by Alyssa Satin Capucilli (HarperCollins)

The seasons are filled with things for a father and child to celebrate.

**Animal Dads** by Sneed Collard (Houghton Mifflin)

Animal fathers and their offspring are shown in detailed illustrations.

**Won't Papa Be Surprised!** By Terri Cohlene (HarperCollins)

Mikele and her father surprise each other on Father's Day in this delightful tale.

**Fishing in the Air** by Sharon Creech (HarperCollins)

A father and son go fishing in this magical tale.

**Dad's Dinosaur Day** by Diane Dawson Hearn (Macmillan)

Mike's dad turns into a fun-loving dinosaur.

**Rocks in His Head** by Carol Otis Hurst (Greenwillow)

The author's father's story about a boyhood passion led to his wonderful job at museum.

**In Daddy's Arms I Am Tall: African Americans Celebrating Fathers**

by Javaka Steptoe (Lee & Low)

Poets and writers share their feelings, in words and artwork, about fathers.

**Daddy Day/Daughter Day** by Larry King (Dove)

A divorced father spends time with his daughter on "their" day.

**White Water** by Jonathan and Aaron London (Viking)

A father and son go on a rafting trip down the river rapids.

**Guess How Much I Love You** by Sam McBratney (Candlewick)

Father and child hares show the breadth of their love in this charming book.

**The Sick Day** by Patricia MacLachlan (Pantheon)

Emily and her father are both home and unwell but together they make the day special.

**Farm Morning** by David McPhail (Harcourt)

A young girl and her father explore a barnyard.

**Mama Mama/Papa Papa** by Jean Marzollo, illus. Laura Regan (HarperCollins)

A colorful board book of baby animals and their parents.

**Just Me and My Dad** auth./illus. Mercer Mayer (Random House/Golden Books)

Little Critter and his dad and their camping trip together are delightfully illustrated here.

**Father Bear Comes Home** by Else Holmelund Minarik (HarperCollins)

A heart-warming classic tale of a loving bear family.

**What Daddies Do Best** by Laura Numeroff (Simon & Schuster)

What would life be like if dads could spend all their time doing things that Dad's do best?

**Whistling** by Elizabeth Partridge (Greenwillow)

Jake and his father go camping and find a special way to welcome the dawn.

**Today is the Day** by Nancy Riecken (Houghton Mifflin)

Two girls in a Mexican village await their father's return after a six-month absence.

**When the Moon is High** by Alice Schertle (HarperCollins)

A "guess who" poem played by a father and a wakeful child late at night.

**Just Us Two: Poems about Animal Dads** by Joyce Sidman (Millbrook Press)

Charming poems illustrate the bond between animal fathers and their offspring.

**Owl Moon** by Jane Yolen (Penguin/Putnam)

A father takes his daughter out to explore a winter night.

## Middle Readers

**Football Fugitive** by Matt Christopher (Little,Brown)

Larry wishes his father cared about football as much as he does.

**Ramona and Her Father** by Beverly Cleary (Dell)

Ramona tries to help her family after her father loses his job.

**Ramona Quimby, Age 8** by Beverly Cleary (Dell)

Ramona's father goes back to college and the Quimby's family life changes.

**Uncle Daddy** by Ralph Fletcher (Holt)

A boy whose father left years before has a wonderful great uncle but what happens when his father comes back into his life?

**The Day I Swapped My Dad for Two Goldfish** by Neil Gaiman (White Wolf Pub.)

Trading his Dad for 2 goldfish makes a boy's mother very unhappy.

**A Wrinkle in Time** by Madeline L'Engle (Dell)

Meg and her little brother search through time and space for their father.

**Summer Switch** by Mary Rodgers (HarperCollins)

A father and son switch bodies and gain new perspective on each other's lives.

## Books About Fathers in Spanish

**Despierta, Osogris!** by Wolfgang Bittner (North South Books)

Is that a bear down the hall from Tobi's room or is it just his snoring father?

**Mi papá** by Debbie Bailey (Annick Press)

Photos and simple text about a child and his father.

**Ramona y su padre** by Beverly Cleary (Espasa-Calpre)

Ramona tries to help her family after her father loses his job.

**Un Mundo Nuevo** by D. H. Figueredo (Lee & Low)

Having just moved to New York from the Caribbean, Danilito and his father share the experience of their first snowfall.

**Adivina cuanto te quiero** by Sam McBratney (KoKinos)

Father and child hares show the breadth of their love in this charming book.

**El Pinguino Pedro Y El Pequeno Timoteo** by Marcus Pfister (North South Books)

When Little Tim gets lost in a snowstorm he knows that his dad will find him.

## **Books about Grandfathers Suggested Reading List**

Spot and His Grandparents Go to the Circus (Penguin/Putnam)

Grandpa and Me auth./illus. Mercer Mayer (Random House)

## **Books about Difficult Situations**

Do I Have a Daddy? A Story about a Single-Parent Child by Jeanne Warren Lindsay  
Erik's mother answer's her son's difficult question with truth and compassion.

## **Research on the Importance of Fathers in Their Children's Lives**

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