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Everyone Makes Mistakes: Living With My Daddy In Jail



Synopsis

Take a heartwarming journey with 10-year-old author, Madison Strempek, as she candidly depicts her life experience of living with her father in jail. Through her eyes, you will live the heartbreak of her life changing news, discover how she survives with her embarrassing secret, and ultimately finds resolution and strength in understanding everyone makes mistakes. It's truly a story of perseverance, forgiveness, and love. She skillfully helps the reader maneuver through difficult times by providing opportunities to reflect with blank pages of doodle space, letter writing ideas, and helping the readers find their inner champion. Madison's personal story is not only valuable for kids living with a parent in jail, but also brings great insight to parents, doctors, social workers, psychologists, judges, lawyers, inmates, law enforcement, friends, and family that support children with incarcerated parents.

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Great book. Audience is grades 1-6. Also recommended: K-2 The Night Dad Went to Jail, Melissa Higgins My Daddy's In Jail, Anthony Curcio K-3 What Do I Say About That? Coping With an Incarcerated Parent, Julia Cook K-5 My Daddy Is in Jail, Janet Bender Mama Loves Me from Away, Pat Brisson When Dad Was Away (short incarceration period), Karin Littlewood K-6 Visiting Day, Jacqueline Woodson Waiting for Daddy, Jennie Harriman 5-8 An Inmate's Daughter, Jan Walker 6-12 Wish You Were Here: Teens Write about Parents in Prison, Autumn Spanne

It's hard to find children's books that tackle tough issues in a way that kids will relate to "not

how adults imagine they should/will. This book fills that need. When 10-year-old Madison's father went to jail, she had to find ways to cope with the aftermath. She put the lessons she learned and the tools she used in writing in order to help others. Madison's personality absolutely radiates from the pages of her book, and you can't help but be moved by her story. Her confidence and her candor set an important example for other kids, and help them (and the adults in their lives) navigate a difficult time.

Such a wonderful story of acceptance, patience, and unconditional love by such a talented young lady. I highly recommend this book for all ages as there is something everyone can learn from reading this.

This is an inspiring book about how a 10-year old dealt with an embarrassing family secret, her father's incarceration. I'm amazed at the depth of insight she has to share with her audience. Sometimes you forget a 10-year-old wrote the book. There are so many lessons you can learn from this young lady. I love how she realizes that her father's mistakes are his burdens to carry and not hers. How it's her job to love her father, mistakes and all. The last paragraph in her book says it all "I will continue to love my daddy and pursue my dreams. His mistakes won't stop me from being who I'm meant to be. I promise not to judge him by his mistakes, but by the size of his heart. He has a big heart. Love you, Daddy!" This book will help every child with an embarrassing family secret. She shows them it's okay to talk about large, hurtful problems and how to manage their life. However, her book can also help every adult that struggles with forgiveness. I also love how she gives advice at the end of every chapter, and leaves room for the reader to reflect on what she has written. This book is a great gift and I recommend it for all ages.

What a huge accomplishment by such a wonderful, young girl! The book speaks to all ages, and can certainly teach us all more about forgiveness, acceptance, and compassion. I would highly recommend it!

Maddy writes about how her Dad going to jail has impacted her life, how it makes her feel at school and how she has managed to cope with his absence, as well as the stigma of having a family member in jail. I love it for its childhood honesty, innocence and lack of judgement. It is a daughter's testament to her Dad that no matter where he is, and no matter what he has done, she will always love him. The story about the support from her mother, Robyn, also shines through, encouraging the

contact between Maddy and her Dad, despite Maddy's parents being divorced. The book includes a few pages where Maddy asks the reader certain questions to help alleviate the suffering of children in similar circumstances. We could all learn something by reading this book.

By God's design, everyone is faced with problems, perhaps that's how we grow. In Madison's life, she lost her father to jail. In Madison's book, she found a game plan for dealing with that loss. Also, she invites readers to create a game plan for dealing with loss. She does this with interactive exercises throughout the book. I think this book will benefit many readers, both young and old, including me!

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