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Resources @ EJP

RECOMMENDED READINGS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF INCARCERATED LOVED ONES

Younger Children

- Brisson, P. (2004). *Mama Loves Me from Away (First Edition)*. Boyds Mills Press.
- Brooks, D. (2015). *Kennedy's Big Visit*. Archway Publishing.
- Butterworth, O., & Avishai, S. (1993). *A Visit to the Big House*. Houghton Mifflin.
- Cain, S., Speed M., Mukhida Z. (1999). *Dad's in Prison*. A & C Black.
- Dyches, R. W., & Hudson, E. K. (2016). *Kofi's Mom*. Children Left Behind.
- Dyches, R. W., & Hudson, E. K. (2016). *2 of Every 100*. Children Left Behind.
- Gesme, C. (1993). *Help for Kids; Understanding Your Feelings About Having a Parent in Prison or Jail*.
- Goozh, J., & Jeweler, S. (2018). *Tell Me about When Moms and Dads Go to Jail*. Macmillan Publishers.
- Hickman, M. W., & Raymond, L. (1990). *When Andy's Father Went to Prison (Revised ed.)*. Albert Whitman & Co.
- Hickman, M. W., & Livingston, F. (1983). *When Can Daddy Come Home*. Adingdon Press.
- Higgins, M., & Kirwan, W. (2013). *The Night Dad Went to Jail*. Capstone.
- Stanglin, J. A. (2007). *What is Jail, Mommy?*
- Testa, M., & Schaffer, A. (1996). *Nine Candles*. Adfo Books.
- Williams, V. B. (2004). *Amber Was Brave, Essie Was Smart (Reprint ed.)*. Greenwillow Books.
- Woodson, J., & Ransome, J. (2002). *Visiting Day (First ed.)*. Scholastic Press.

Workbooks

- Bender, J. M. (2003). *My Daddy is in Jail: Story, Discussion Guide and Small-Group Activities*. Youthlight.
- Muhammad, B., & Muhammad, M. (2014). *The Prison Alphabet: An Educational Coloring Book for Children of Incarcerated Parents (Project Iron Kids) (First ed.)*. Goldest Karat Publishing.

Older Children and Teens

- DeClements, B. (1991). *Breaking Out (Trilogy part Three) (First Edition)*. Delacorte Books for Young Readers.
- DeClements, B. (2000). *Five-Finger Discount*. iUniverse.
- Ellis, D. (2007). *Jakeman (First Ed.)*. Fitzhenry and Whiteside.
- Paterson, K. (2015). *The Same Stuff as Stars. (Reprint ed.)*. HMH Books for Young Readers.
- Spanne, A., McCarthy, N., & Longhine, L. (2010). *Wish You Were Here: Teens Write about Parents in Prison (Second ed.)*. Youth Communication, New York Center.
- Valle, J. L. J. (1995). *Coping When a Parent Is in Jail (First ed.)*. Rosen Pub Group.
- Walker, J., & Leonhard, H. (2006). *An Inmate's Daughter (First ed.)*. Raven Publishing of Montana.
- Wittbold, M. (1997). *Let's Talk about when Your Parent is in Jail*. Van Haren Publishing.
- Zehr, H. (2010). *What Will Happen to Me: Every Night, Approximately Three Million Children Go To Bed With A Parent In Prison*. Good Books.

Adults

- Bandele, A. (2000). *The Prisoner's Wife : A Memoir (Reprint ed.)*. Washington Square Press.
- Cyan-Brock, T. K. (2000). *Prisoners of Love*. Dreamcatcher Books.
- Deese, F. D. (2012). *From Inmate to Mayor*. Total Publishing And Media.
- Edenfield, A. (2002). *Family Arrested: How to Survive the Incarceration of a Loved One*. Americana Publishing.
- Harper, H. (2013). *Letters to an Incarcerated Brother: Encouragement, Hope, and Healing for Inmates and Their Loved Ones*. Avery.
- Jackson, M. B., & Kenner, R. (2008). *How to Do Good After Prison: A Handbook for Successful Reentry (Fourth ed.)*. Joint FX Press.
- Jackson, M. B. (2003). *How to Love and Inspire Your Man After Prison*. Joint FX Press.
- Johnston, D., & Gabel, K. (1998). *Children of Incarcerated Parents (First Edition)*. Lexington Books.
- Lagana, T., Canfield, J., & Hansen, M. V. (2002). *Chicken Soup for the Prisoner's Soul: 101 Stories to Open the Heart and Rekindle the Spirit of Hope, Healing and Forgiveness (Chicken Soup for the Soul) (First ed.)*. HCI.
- Lpc, E. C., & Don Yow, P. (2013). *The Unvarnished Truth about the Prison Family Journey (First ed.)*. CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.
- Martinez, D. (2012). *Boy Kings of Texas: A Memoir (First Edition)*. Lyons Press.
- Martone, C. (2005). *Loving Through Bars: Children with Parents in Prison*. Santa Monica Press.
- Rule, M. R., & Rule, S. R. (2011). *Counting the Years: Real-Life Stories About Waiting for Loved Ones to Return Home from Prison (Think Outside the Cell) (First ed.)*. Resilience Multimedia.
- Ron, C. (2013). *High Five: Love Never Fails*. Dream Pump.
- Solinger, R., Johnson, P. C., Raimon, M. L., Reynolds, T., & Tapia, R. (2010). *Interrupted Life: Experiences of Incarcerated Women in the United States (First ed.)*. University of California Press.
- Toews, B. (2006). *The Little Book of Restorative Justice for People in Prison: Rebuilding the Web of Relationships*. Good Books.