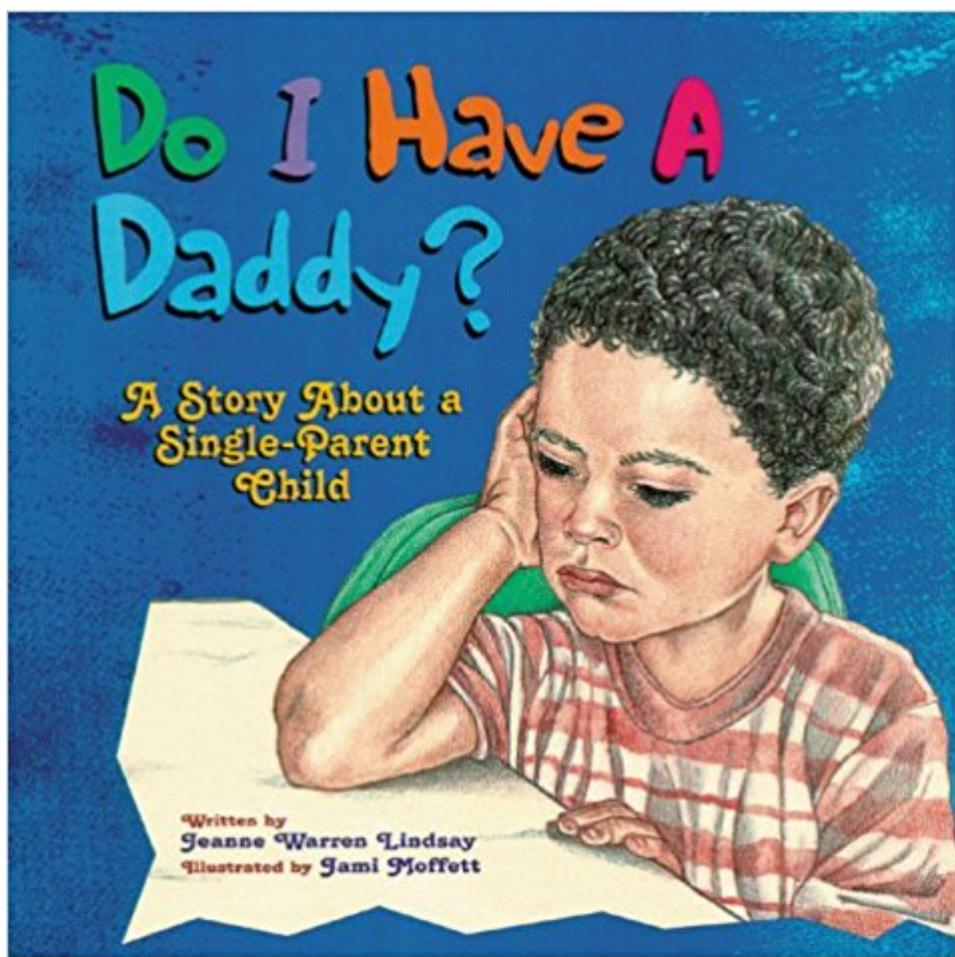


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# Do I Have A Daddy?: A Story About A Single-Parent Child



## **Synopsis**

Addressing single-parent families, this book helps kids with absent, deceased, and unknown dads talk about and deal with this often difficult situation. When Erik, a preschooler, is teased by other children about not having a dad, his mother explains that there are many kinds of fathers, and not all of them live with their children. The story serves as a conversation starter and can be adapted to meet a child's specific needs. Parents learn the importance of being honest while allowing their children to retain a positive view of the absent parent.

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## **Customer Reviews**

PreSchool-Grade 1-While playing house, Erik is prompted by a questioning friend to ask his mother if he has a daddy. She tells him that he had a daddy in the beginning but that he left. She further explains that some parents get married and take care of their children together, but that she and Erik's father never married because they were so young. Erik's mother emphasizes how much she wanted him and how excited his daddy was when he was born. The story ends with the boy's mother reminding him of the important role his uncle and grandfather play in his life. The text is written in a positive and nurturing manner, and lets children know that there are many different types of family situations. An informative section for single parents on ways they can deal with this issue follows the story. The illustrations are somewhat stiff and amateurish, but do an adequate job of visualizing the text for young children. This book should have a place in libraries, counselors' offices, and social workers' collections. Susan Knell, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS  
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When Erik is taunted by his friend about not having a father, he goes home and confronts his mother: "Where's my daddy?" She answers his difficult question and others by explaining that there are different kinds of daddies, and Erik's was too young to take on the responsibilities of marriage. She reassures him that she will always be there for him and urges him to spend time with his uncle and grandpa who love him. Following the story is a section devoted to single parents, which, although seemingly geared toward less-experienced single parents, provides good tips for any single parent handling similar questions and emphasizes the importance of being honest and positive. The book will be useful in presenting the concept of single-parent families to a wide audience. Helen Rosenberg Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The story itself is PERFECT for single mom households where the father is either not present at all or partially (minimally in the picture). I could not find any book that my son could relate to until his teacher recommended this and it was perfect. For a 5 year old to start to absorb the realities of life (that are disappointing when it comes to other people's choices) this book is perfect. It is telling truth but doing it in the way it would be age appropriate to a child who is in this stage. What I DID NOT like was the seller of this book and how they upped the price to a ridiculous amount of money.... didnt even have the decency to remove the price sticker or library tags he bought it from where they paid \$0.50 for it charging almost \$30. That is a good example of why we need books like this - to explain to kids that life is beautiful but there will always be these types of disappointments that will cross our paths.

Do I Have a Daddy ? book is just what my daughter needed to help her explain why her son's dad is not in their family. I think it is well presented for a single mom and the illustrations are colorful and well done. I recommend this book for any single mom to read with their child / children and then allow them to read it alone and share their feelings.

I bought this book for my son because he recently started having a really hard time with not having a "daddy" and this book helped start the conversation about it and I think it's helped some.

this is a great book, I am reading to my 3 year old and it is age appropriate. Beautifully written while explaining the "daddy" thing in detail.

This book was recommended to me by a child psychologist to help talk to my daughter about her father abandoning her. Although she said not to broach the subject until my daughter asked about her father, I knew it was coming since they were studying families in her language program. So I got the book. It arrived 1 week before she asked where her daddy was. Just enough time for me to read it and practice our conversation. Very helpful. My daughter is handling the lack of a father really well so far but she is only 5 (which is the perfect age for this book). We will have to see about the future, but the book is a first solid step towards preventing future trauma and has suggestions for what not to do, which includes lying about it. All single mom's or dad's should read this book.

Book is lengthy. As described, shipped quickly.

Love this book. Finally I have something to use to help explains where my nephew's dad is and why we don't hear from him. Thanks!

This is the only book out there which I have found so far that comes close to what I was looking for for my son. It tackles a difficult subject elegantly. The book is a little out of date and old looking. I would love to see an updated version which includes more scenarios. Not a big fan of using other males (like grandpa) as substitutes but I suppose that applies for some folks.

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