**MOMC books suggestion by the Military Inclusion Chair of HCC PTA/PTSA**

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**A Paper Hug:** by Stephanie Skolmoski

**Where do the Tears Go?:** by Doris Burd

**I am Red, White, and Blue… Are You Feeling it Too?:** by Deanna Lynn Cole

**Lily Hates Goodbyes:** by Jerilyn Marler

**When Your Dad Goes to War: Helping Children Cope with Deployment and Beyond:** by Maryann Makekau

**But … What If?:** by Sandra Miller Linhart

**My Red Balloon:** by Eve Bunting

**I Like Where I Am:** by Jessica Harper

**Alexander Who’s Not (Do You Hear Me? I Mean It!) Going to Move**: by Judith Viorst

**Great comprehensive list:**

<http://www.operationwearehere.com/ChildrenBooks.html>

**All Hands on Deck! Dad's Coming Home!**

Author: Julia Maki, Copyright @ 2012

**American Hero Books: My Daddy Is a Marine**

Author: Alia Reese, Copyright @ 2011

Ages infant-preschool

[www.heartstarpress.com](http://www.heartstarpress.com/)

**A Paper Hug**

Author: Stephanie Skolmoski, Copyright @ 2006

**A Year Without Dad**

Author: Jodi Brunson, Copyright @ 2003

**A Yellow Ribbon for Daddy**

Author: Anissa Mersiowsky, Copyright @ 2005

Ages 4-8

**Brave Like Me**

Author: Barbara Kerley, Copyright @2016

Ages 4-8

**But... What If?**

Author: Sandra Miller Linhart, Copyright @ 2010

**Coming Home**

Author: Greg Ruth, Copyright @ 2014

Ages 4-7

**Countdown 'til Daddy Gets Home**

Author: Kristin Ayyar, Copyright @ 2013

Ages 3-8

**Daddy Left with Mr. Army**

**A child's view of military deployment**

Author: Chandelle Walker, Copyright @ 2018

Ages 5-6

**Daddy is in the Military**

Free book to customize, save and print - [www.myownstory.com](http://www.myownstory.com/)

**Daddy's Boots**

Author: Sandra Miller Linhart, Copyright @ 2010

for his job with the military.

**Daddy's Deployed**

Author: Bridget Platt, Copyright @ 2012

Ages 0-10

[http://daddysdeployed.com](http://daddysdeployed.com/)

**Daddy's in Iraq, but I Want Him Back**

Author: Carmen R. Hoyt, Copyright @ 2005

**Daddy's Submarine**

Author: Bethany Patterson, Copyright @ 2019

**Dear Baby, I'm Watching Over You**

Author: Carol Casey, Copyright @ 2010

Ages 1 and up

**Deployment**

Author: Santina Rivera, Copyright @ 2010

**Deployment: One of Our Pieces is Missing**

Author: Julia Cook, Copyright @ 2018

**Don't Forget: God Bless our Troops**

Author: Dr. Jill Biden, Copyright @ 2012

Ages 5 and up

**Father Is Always With Me**

Author: Emmanuel Barbosa, Copyright @ 2016

Ages 1-6

**Goodnight Marines**

Author: David Dixon, Copyright @ 2016

Ages 0-8

A brilliantly illustrated children's book about the culture and traditions

**Heart of a Shepherd**

Author: Rosanne Parry, Copyright @ 2010

Ages 9-12

Teacher discussion guide available (3rd - 5th grade, 6th - 8th grade)

**Hero Dad**

Author: Melinda Hardin, Copyright @ 2010

Ages 4-8

**Home Again (Board Book)**

Author: Dorinda Silver Williams, Copyright @ 2009

Ages 0-3

Available for free at [www.militaryonesource.mil](http://www.militaryonesource.mil/)

**Hug in the Wind**

Author: Tim Steiner, Copyright @ 2018

**I Am Red, White, & Blue...Are You Feeling it Too?**

Author: Deanna Lynn Cole, Copyright @ 2008

**If I Were Deployed**

Author: Nicole Burch, Copyright @ 2019

**I'll Lend You My Daddy**

Author: Becky King, Copyright @ 2019

Ages 4-8

**I'm a Hero Too! (Daddy version)**

Author: Timothy P. Dunnigan, Copyright @ 2011

[www.imaherotoo.org](http://www.imaherotoo.org/)

**I'm Here for You Now (Board Book)**

Free from Military OneSource

**I Miss You!**

Author: Beth Andrews, Copyright @ 2007

Ages 4-8

**Another list:**

<https://confidentcounselors.com/2017/04/03/9-books-help-military-children/>

For teachers, parents and other professional who support military child education: “Seasons of my Military Student”: <http://elvaresa.com/book/seasons-military-student/>

**13 Amazing books to support military children:**

<https://mrsnavymama.com/13-amazing-books-supporting-military-children/>

**Preparing for PCS:**

<https://militaryfamilieslearningnetwork.org/2019/05/09/childrens-books-help-prepare-military-children-for-pcs/>

[https://unitedthroughreading.org](https://unitedthroughreading.org/)

Download the app and start reading today.

Free books for military families:

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.military.com/paycheck-chronicles/2011/08/02/free-books-for-military-families/amp>

**Must have books for Mil kids:**

[https://www.military.com/spousebuzz/blog/2016/11/11-books-military-children.html/amp](https://www.military.com/spousebuzz/blog/2016/11/11-books-military-children.html/amp%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

**Worry Says What**

by Allison Edwards

**Today I Feel Silly and Other Moods that Make My Day:**

By Jamie Lee Curtis

**My Many Colored Days:** by Eric Carle

**One of our Pieces is Missing**: by Julia Cook.

**The Color Monster**, a popup book of feelings by: Anna Llenas,

**When I 'm Feeling Angry:** by Trace Moroney

**In my Heart- A book of feelings**: by Jo Witek.

**The Mixed-Up Chameleon:** Eric Carle

**Leonardo the Terrible Monster:** by Mo Willems

**Pete the Cat and his Four Groovy Buttons:** by Eric Litwin

**Have You Filled Your Bucket Today? A Guide to Daily Happiness for Kids:** by Carol McCloud

**The Brand New Kid:** by Katie Couric

**Military Family Books:**

<https://militaryfamilybooks.com/>

**MCEC Tell Me a Story Event Book List.** Check [www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org) for more info on bringing a Tell Me a Story to your organization:







**MCEC NTS 2019 reading list:**

The Power of Moments by Chip and Dan Heath

How Schools Work by Arne Duncan

Grit: The Power of Passion and Perserverance. By Anne Duckworth

The Leader’s Bookshelf by Adm. Stravridis, USN, ret. and R. Manning Ancell

The Good Neighbor: the Life and Work of Fred Rogers. By Maxwell King

parks by: Peter L. Benson

**More MCEC Recommended reference books:**

**Mindset:** by Carol S. Dweck

**Special Needs Families in the Military:** by Janelle Hill and Don Philpott

**Building Resilience in Children and Teens: Giving Kids Roots and Wings:** ...by Kenneth R. Ginsburg, MD, MS Ed, FAAP with Martha M Jablow.

1st and 2nd Editions

**Serving Military Families,** 2nd ed., by: Karen Rose Blaisure, Tara Saatholf-Wellls, Angela Pereira, Shelley MacDermid Wadsworth, Amy Laura Dombro.

**Raising Kids To Thrive:** by Kenneth R Ginsburg, Ilana Ginsburg and Talia Ginsburg

**The Student Leadership Challenge: Five Practices for Becoming an Exemplary Leader:** by James Kouzes and Barry Posner

**The Five Love Languages of Children:**

By Gary Chapman & Ross Campbell, M.D.

Again… **the Seasons of My Military Student** (website shared above): by authors Amanda Trimillos and Stacy Allsbrook Huisman (also a member of the Randall Middle School PTSA and Military Spouse)

**Tip for schools/PTA’s:** Host a book club. You can start with: The Seasons of My Military Student. It can help both parents/educators build support strategies. It comes in ebook or hard copy on Amazon. You can share this list with all families on Edsby.