

# **BOOKLIST FOR CHILDREN AFFECTED BY HURRICANE KATRINA**

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The following books may be helpful for children who have been affected by Hurricane Katrina. The books may be used by parents or other caregivers to present difficult issues in the context of stories. Some non-fiction titles are also included. The majority of titles are intended for children age 2 through age 8. A booklist for older children is included at the end.

## **ADAPTING TO CHANGE, MOVING, NEW SCHOOL**

**Amazing Grace** by Mary Hoffman.  
**Amelia's Road** by Linda Jacobs Altman.  
**Blue Horse** by Helen Stephens.  
**Boomer's Big Day** by Constance McGeorge.  
**Brooklyn, Bugsy, and Me** by Lynea Bowdish.  
**The Color of Home** by Mary Hoffman.  
**Coming On Home Soon** by Jacqueline Woodson.  
**Danitra Brown Leaves Town** by Nikki Grimes.  
**Don't Say Ain't** by Irene Smalls.  
**Getting Used to Harry** by Cari Best.  
**Goodbye House** by Frank Asch.  
**Hannah is My Name** by Belle Yang.  
**Hot City** by Barbara Joose.  
**I Am Too Absolutely Small for School** by Lauren Child.  
**Jorah's Journal** by Judith Caseley.  
**Just One More Story** by Jennifer Brutschy.  
**The Kissing Hand** by Audrey Penn.  
**The Leaving Morning** by Angela Johnson.  
**The Lost and Found House** by Michael Cadnum.  
**My Best Friend Moved Away** by Nancy Carlson.  
**Our Gracie Aunt** by Jacqueline Woodson.  
**The Ticky-Tacky Doll** by Cynthia Rylant.

## **COMFORT, REASSURANCE, LOVE**

**Aunt Flossie's Hat (and Crab Cakes Later)** by Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard.  
**Corduroy** by Don Freeman.  
**Faraway Drums** by Virginia Kroll.  
**The Feel Good Book** by Todd Parr.  
**From Miss Ida's Porch** by Sandra Lee Belton.  
**Front Porch Stories at the One-Room School** by Eleanora E. Tate.  
**Genie in the Jar** by Nikki Giovanni.  
**Golden Bear** by Ruth Young.  
**Good Night Moon** by Margaret Wise Brown.  
**How About a Hug?** By Nancy Carlson.  
**If You Listen** by Charlotte Zolotow.

**Just the Two of Us** by Will Smith.  
**Momma, Where Are You From?** by Marie Bradby.  
**Oh My Baby, Little One** by Kathi Appelt.  
**Old Bear** by Jane Hissey.  
**On Mother's Lap** by Ann Herbert Scott. Illustrated by Gio Coatson.  
**The Runaway Bunny** by Margaret Wise Brown.  
**A Safe Place Called Home** by Eileen Spinelli.  
**Sing-Along Song** by JoAnn Early Macken.  
**Ten, Nine, Eight** by Molly Bang.  
**This Place I Know** edited by Georgia Heard.  
**Tickle, Tickle** by Dakari Hru.  
**We All Sing With the Same Voice** by J. Philip Miller and Sheppard M. Greene.  
**When the Big Dog Barks** by Munzee Curtis.

## **COURAGE**

**Abiyoyo** by Pete Seeger. Illustrated by Michael Hays.  
**Amber Was Brave, Essie Was Smart** by Vera B. Williams.  
**Brave, Brave Mouse** by Michaela Morgan.  
**Cliff Hanger** by Jean Craighead George.  
**Katie's Wish** by Barbara Shook Hazen.  
**Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie** by Peter and Connie Roop.  
**Mandy** by Barbara D. Booth.  
**Moon's Cloud Blanket** by Rose Anne St. Romain.  
**There's a Big, Beautiful World Out There** by Nancy Carlson.  
**Twister** by Darleen Beard.  
**Wallace's Lists** by Barbara Bottner.  
**The Worry Stone** by Sibyl Graber Gerig.

## **FRIENDSHIP**

**The Other Side** by Jacqueline Woodson.  
**Will You Be My Friend?** by Nancy Tafuri.  
**Wemberly Worried** by Kevin Henkes.

## **GRIEF, SADNESS, LOSS**

**A Castle on Viola Street** by Dyanne Disalvo.  
**Tom Rabbit** by Martin Waddell. Illustrated by Barbara Firth.  
**When I Feel Sad** by Cornelia Maude Spelman.  
**Where's My Teddy?** by Jez Alborough.  
**Yesterday I Had the Blues** by Jeron Ashford Frame.

## **RESILIENCE, PRIDE, HOPE**

**Ashley Bryan's ABC of African American Poetry** by Ashley Bryan.  
**A Chair for My Mother** by Vera B. Williams.  
**Cherries and Cherry Pits** by Vera B. Williams.  
**December** by Eve Bunting.  
**The Double Life of Zoe Flynn** by Janet Lee Carey.  
**Goggles** by Ezra Jack Keats.

**Junebug** by Alice Mead.

**May'naise Sandwiches and Sunshine Tea** by Sandra Belton.

**The Moon Came Down on Milk Street** by Jean Gralley.

**On That Day: A Book of Hope for Children** by Andre Patel.

**River Friendly, River Wild** by Jane Kurtz.

**Satchmo's Blues** by Alan Schroeder.

**Shades of Black: A Celebration of Our Children** by Sandra L. Pinkney.

**Tomas and the Library Lady** by Pat Mora.

**Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen** by DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan.

## **DEATH**

**Everett Anderson's Goodbye** by Lucille Clifton.

**The Fall of Freddie the Leaf** by Leo Buscaglia.

**The Grandad Tree** by Trish Cooke.

**Grandma's Purple Flowers** by Adjoa J. Burrowes.

**The Hickory Chair** by Lisa Rowe Fraustino.

**If Nathan Were Here** by Mary Bahr.

**The Memory String** by Eve Bunting.

**Sweet, Sweet Memory** by Jacqueline Woodson.

**Up in Heaven** by Emma Chichester Clark.

**When Dinosaurs Die** by Laurene Brown

**Where is Grandpa?** by T.A. Barron.

## **DEATH OF PET**

**Desser, the Best Ever Cat** by Maggie Smith.

**I'll Always Love You** by Hans Wilhelm.

**The Old Dog** by Charlotte Zolotow.

**Saying Goodbye to Lulu** by Corrine Demas.

**Tenth Good Thing About Barney** by Judith Viorst.

**When a Pet Dies** by Fred Rogers.

## **BOOKS FOR OLDER CHILDREN (GRADES 4 UP)**

**Getting' Through Thursday** by Melrose Cooper.

**The Girl Death Left Behind** by Lurlene McDaniel.

**Leaving Emma** by Nancy Steele Brokaw.

**Locomotion** by Jacqueline Woodson.

**Make Lemonade** by Virginia Euwer Wolff.

**Money Hungry** by Sharon G. Flake.

**The Palm of My Heart** by Davida Adedjouma.

**Some of the Pieces** by Melissa Madenski.

**Stars in the Darkness** by Barbara Joosse

**Sun and Spoon** by Kevin Henkes.

**The Truth About Sparrow** by Marian Hale.

## **BOOKS FOR TEENS**

See "YALSA offers recommended reading for teens in light of recent disaster."  
American Library Association. 2005.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2005/september2005/YALSAdisasterbooklist.htm>

(Accessed 20 Sep, 2005)

## **ADULT REFERENCES**

**Making It Better: Activities for Children Living in a Stressful World** by Barbara Oehlberg.

**Mass Trauma and Violence: Helping Families and Children Cope** edited by Nancy Boyd Webb.

**School-Based Multi-Systemic Interventions for Mass Trauma** by Avigdor Klingman and Esther Cohen.

**Young Children and Trauma: Intervention and Treatment** by Joy. D. Osofsky.

## **RESOURCES**

The following resources were consulted in compiling this list.

**"Helping Books Helping Families" Database. State Library of Ohio**

<http://www.helpingbooks.lib.oh.us>

"Helping Books Helping Families" database can be used as a basis for parents and children to talk together about often difficult and challenging issues.

**Bookhive. Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, Charlotte, N.C.**

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

**"Books of Love, Comfort and Reassurance"**

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