

BLENDED FAMILIES

Ballard, R. When I Am a Sister. How will it be when the baby comes? This young narrator is worried. Where will she fit in when Papa and her stepmother, Kate, have the baby? Will there still be story time before bed? And swimming at the big pool? Papa agrees that some things will be different. But change can be good, especially when it means becoming someone's big sister or brother. j PAR PIC Ballard

Benjamin, A. Two's Company. Feeling threatened by the possibility of her mother's remarriage, Maddy copes by planning her own wedding to her lizard friend Little Adam Zurka. j PAR PIC Benjamin

Boyd, L. Sam is My Half-Brother. A young girl, fearful that her newborn half brother will get all the attention, is reassured of her father's love. j PAR PIC Boyd

Cook, J. Room for a Stepdaddy. Joey has trouble accepting his new stepfather, but the constant love of his father, mother, and stepfather finally convince him that there is love enough to go around for everybody. j PAR PIC Cook

Gibbons, F. Mountain Wedding. The Searcy kids don't like the Longs, and the Long children aren't crazy about the Searcys. So on the day of their parents' wedding, there's a lot of fussing and fighting in the preacher's yard. Mandy Searcy makes faces at one of the Longs. . . . and it takes a swarm of honeybees and a runaway wagon to help these feuding families say, "We do." jP Gibbons

Hines, A. When We Married Gary. Beth still remembers the daddy who went away, although her younger sibling does not, but both of them accept Gary and call him Papa. j PAR PIC Hines

Hoffman, M. Boundless Grace. When Grace gets the opportunity to go to Africa and visit with her father and his new family, she feels a little strange. But Nana says families are what you make them, and Grace is going to make the most of hers! jP Hoffman

Holyoke, N. Help!: A Girl's Guide to Divorce and Stepfamilies. Answers letters from girls dealing with various aspects of divorce, remarriage, and stepfamilies. Includes tips, quizzes, and advice. j 306.89 H

Hutchins, P. There's Only One of Me! A young girl describes her relationship to the various members of her family, including her stepfamily, as they all gather to celebrate her birthday. jP Hutchins

Levy, J. Totally Uncool. As she describes all the things that are "uncool" about her father's latest girlfriend, a young girl begins to admit that there are some things she likes about her. j PAR PIC Levy

Rogers, F. Stepfamilies. Fred Rogers opens the door for stepfamilies to safely talk about their good and sometimes not-so-good feelings by encouraging both parents and children to communicate. While he acknowledges that difficult situations will probably arise, he emphasizes that the joy of belonging is what all families are really about. j 306.874 R

Rosenberg, M. Talking About Stepfamilies. Children and adults who have become part of stepfamilies describe their experiences in coping with new stepparents and stepsiblings.
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