

MOMMY AND DADDY ARE FIGHTING

by Susan Paris

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In the brief span of 18 pages, Susan Paris, depicts the anxiety and anger of a young child coming to terms with parents' quarreling and fighting. The child tells her story in first person, bringing a sense of reality to the events. Her narration tells of the fighting and quarreling she sees, the confrontations she experiences with her own sisters, and the things she and her sisters do to bring each other comfort. This sensitive and softly-told story will touch feelings in children and open discussion about family violence.

The sketched illustrations clearly portray the deep feelings and sensitivity of family violence problems. The author provides a discussion guide for the adult sharing this book with a child and a bibliography of further resources for adults and children.

I find this a valuable resource in helping young children in volatile family situations and children of divorce when family violence was a factor. It seems best suited for children eight or nine years of age and younger.