

Dinosaurs Divorce
Laurene Krasny Brown and Marc Brown
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Laurene Krasny Brown and Marc Brown have narrated and illustrated a wonderful book for children on the subject of Divorce. Almost any subject affecting children going through their parents divorce is covered in this book from why parents divorce to telling your friends and of course dealing with the new step family. It will help clarify the many questions children have about divorce but don't know how to ask or are afraid to talk about.

The bright and funny illustrations of the "dinosaur family" is almost certain to capture the child's attention. The dinosaur children experience all the feelings, including guilt, sadness, and jealousy, that your child in counseling will no doubt be experiencing. Dinosaurs Divorce is simple and easy to understand but there are many situations and feelings to absorb, as there are in real life. Therefore, it may be difficult for the child to absorb the book all at one time and could be read one topic at a time with the child, allowing the child to relate his or her situation and feelings to that of the story.

Read at home with the child's parent or in the therapist office, it will open up a much needed discussion of the child's own fears and questions. It is no wonder that Dinosaurs Divorce has been one of the most treasured therapeutic books for over ten years.