Celebrate Dads and Grandpas: Picture Books

A Select List of Brown County Library Children’s Books
(Toddler–Early Elementary)

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Abuelo by Arthur Dorros
The Apple Pie that Papa Baked by Lauren Thompson
Are the Dinosaurs Dead, Dad? by Julie Middleton
The Bear’s Song by Benjamin Chaud
Catch that Baby! by Nancy Coffelt*
Creak! Said the Bed by Phyllis Root
Crouching Tiger by Ying Chang Compestine
Daddies by Lila Prap*
Daddy Hugs by Nancy Tafuri*
Daddy Hugs 123 by Karen Katz *
Daddy’s Zigzagging Bedtime Story by Alan Sitomer
Down the Back of the Chair by Margaret Mahy
Druthers by Matt Phelan
Enemy Pie by Derek Munson

The narrator of this story, a boy of 7 or 8, needs his dad’s help in dealing with an “enemy.” A new kid, Jeremy Ross, has moved in next door and never invites him over and is a bad sport during baseball games. Luckily, our main character’s trustworthy dad has a top-secret recipe for “enemy pie.” Unfortunately, part of the recipe involves spending the entire day with the enemy before inviting him over for a slice. The narrator realizes, after spending the day with Jeremy, that his enemy is actually not that bad. What’s inside Dad’s enemy pie? The surprising answer proves that the dad in this book is both wise and cool. Kindergartners-3rd graders are the ideal audience for this easy-going character education tale.

Every Friday by Dan Yaccarino
Faster, Faster! by Leslie Patricelli*
**Following Papa’s Song** by Gianna Marino

**Giddy-Up, Daddy!** by Troy Cummings

**Go-Go Gorillas** by Julie Durango

**The Grandpa Book** by Todd Parr

**Grandpa Green** by Lane Smith

**Grandpa’s Overalls** by Tony Crunk

**Has Anyone Seen My Emily Greene?** by Norma Fox Mazer

**The Hello, Goodbye Window** by Norman Juster

**Hero Dad** by Melinda Hardin

**How to Babysit a Grandpa** by Jean Reagan

**How to Cheer Up Dad** by Fred Koehler

**How to Surprise a Dad** by Jean Reagan

**The Haunted Hamburger and Other Ghostly Stories** by David LaRochelle

**Hug a Bull: An Ode to Animal Dads** by Aaron Zenz*

**I Love My Pirate Papa** by Laura Leuck

**Interrupting Chicken** by David Ezra Stein

Papa chicken attempts to read some bedtime stories to his exuberant daughter, but she is the interrupting type. Little Chicken knows the endings to all the fairytales and she doesn’t care for them, so she likes to warn her favorite characters of the dangers ahead. Perfect for children who like to insert themselves into their favorite stories, and the patient storytellers who love them!

**Jitterbug Jam** by Barbara Jean Hicks

**Just Like My Papa** by Toni Buzzeo

**La Luna** by Kiki Thorpe

**Kevin and His Dad** by Irene Smalls

**Knuffle Bunny** (series) by Mo Willems

**Lola Loves Stories** by Anna McQuinn

**A Lullaby for Little One** by Dawn Casey

**The Magic Brush** by Kat Yeh

**The Matatu** by Eric Walter

**The Matchbox Diary** by Paul Fleischman  ages 6+

**Mighty Dads** by Joan Holub*
Four-year-old Mitchell has found a human race car in his dad. While Mitchell steers his "car" by sitting on Dad’s shoulders and tugging dad’s hair, dad gamely makes race car noises for an authentic experience. As this exuberant play session continues, Mitchell is consistently ecstatic while dad gets more and more bedraggled. When Mitchell demands a stop at the "gas station," actually the cookie jar, his car morphs back into a bedtime enforcing dad. A great look at creative play and a must for young transportation buffs, this picture book celebrates the dedicated and spirited type of dad.
This is the Van that Dad Cleaned by Lisa Ernst Campbell
Too Much Glue by Jason Lefebvre
The Top Job by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel
When a Dad says “I Love You” by Douglas Wood
When Charley Met Grampa by Amy Hest
When Dads Don’t Grow Up by Marjorie Parker
When I am Old with You by Angela Johnson
William’s Doll by Charlotte Zolotow
Zachary’s Ball by Ned Tavares
Zoomer by Ned Young

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