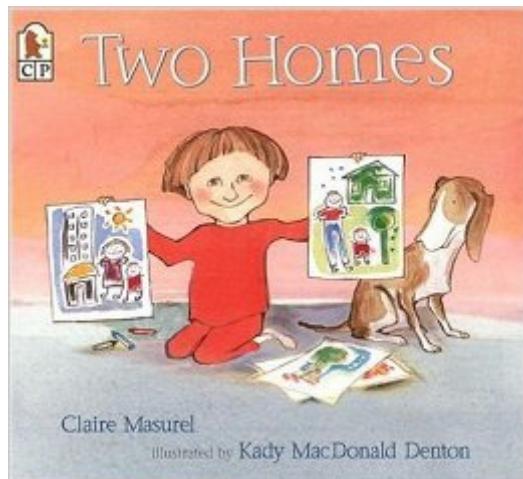


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# Two Homes



## **Synopsis**

"Parents looking for a book about separation or divorce will find few offerings as positive, matter-of-fact, or child-centered as this one. . . . Simple, yet profoundly satisfying. - BOOKLIST (starred review)At Mommyâ™s house, Alex has a soft chair. At Daddyâ™s house, Alex has a rocking chair. In each home, Alex also has a special bedroom and lots of friends to play with. But whether Alex is with Mommy or with Daddy, one thing always stays the same - Alex is loved. The gently reassuring text focuses on what is gained rather than what is lost when parents divorce, while the sensitive illustrations, depicting two unique homes in all their small details, firmly establish Alexâ™s place in both of them. TWO HOMES will help children - and parents - embrace even the most difficult of changes with an open and optimistic heart.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## **Customer Reviews**

I was divorced a couple years ago and my then three year old was really having a tough time. I bought LOTS of books. This one stands out from them all. My girls could really relate to it. It is a pretty simple book, this is what my room looks like at mom's, this is what my room looks like at dad's. It also reinforces that fact that they are loved no matter where they are. I would highly recommend this for anyone going through the nightmare of divorce where kids are involved.

Of the several separated-parenting/divorce children's books I got, this one really stood out at least apologetic and most encouraging of stability and normalcy. I got it in 2003 for my then preschooler, and it stuck around in her bookcase for a couple years, read a few times a year (per her desire). Despite the less-than-ideal circumstance of splitting up a family, the book doesn't even address the negative. It rather, matter of factly (understanding that kids are pretty resilient), just shows what life is like for the child in the book... two sets of everything, and of course the same amount of love as always. It's not scary, it's not unknown. It's a life that any pre-schooler will be able to understand. My daughter, now in kindergarten, still refers to her situation as "two homes". She even commented that some of her classmates have "two homes" too. What a testament to a children's book on a difficult subject when the title gets incorporated into a kid's vocabulary!

This book is simple and encouraging for the very young child. It has a note that this is for the child up to age 8, but a school age child, other than kindergartener, would find it disappointing. This helps dispell fears of the toddler, young child group of losing their parents somehow with divorce. It addresses that they have a place and home with each parent which helps a young child adjust to divorce in the family. For the younger child, it is worth the cost. For the older child, look for a different book like *Dinosaurs Divorce* which addresses more feelings and complex issues.

This book is simple enough for a young child, who doesn't need technical details about his parents separation/divorce, but does need reassurance that he/she is still loved no matter what happens in his/her life. It is a good tool for getting your younger child to talk about their own feelings in a safe way. My 4 1/2 year old son loves this book. The illustrations are sweet and have a certain gentleness, which matches the text nicely. Overall, I would highly recommend this to anyone who knows a child going through this difficult life change.

This is a great book to read to small children after divorce/separation. It helps to show the child that the main character also has two homes and sometimes he's with mommy and sometimes he's with daddy, but no matter where he is, they both love him very very much. It has definitely been helping my 3 yr old after my recent separation. He asks to read it and when I tell him today he's going to Daddy's house, he says "Like in two homes!". It also helps solidify that mommy and daddy BOTH love him very much, and even though he has two homes, things don't really change that much. Cute, simple, easy to read and relate to.

Thank goodness there is a book like Two Homes by Claire Masurel. It doesn't try to explain or justify divorce to young ones. It just comforts, supports and reaffirms to young children that now they have two homes where they are loved. I can't praise this book enough for its simply explained and well illustrated message.

When our Grandson's parents separated when he was about 5 years old. He had me read this one over and over again. He even took it to school to his teacher to read it to his class. It really helped him understand and helped him through a rough time at such a young age. I highly recommend this book for little ones going through a rough time like this. Happy to say, that everyone is adjusting well and parents putting the children first.

I recently purchased 2 copies of this book for my own Alex - 1 to keep at Mom's and the other to keep at Dad's. I bought this book especially because my 3 1/2 year old has a very difficult time leaving his home at Mom's to go visit at Dad's. It gives us a chance to personalize the text and discuss and share details about how (my) Alex has 2 of several things - favorite chairs, toothbrushes, places to hang coats, sets of friends, bedrooms and, most importantly, parents who love him. The text is very simple, and the pictures are relative to a kid's world. Alex quickly adopted this book as one of his favorite must-reads at bedtime. It brings a smile to his face each time we read it, and it gets him involved in talking about how he has 2 homes. I would suggest this book to anyone with young children (ages 3-5)in a family of divorce.

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