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## Living With Mom And Living With Dad



## Synopsis

For young children who live in two homes, this bright, simple story with oversized flaps reassures young readers that there is love in each one.Her parents don't live together anymore, so sometimes the child in this book lives with her mom and cat, and sometimes with Dad. Her bedroom looks a little different in each house, and she keeps some toys in one place and some in another. But her favorite toys she takes with her wherever she goes. In an inviting lift-the-flap format saturated with colorful illustrations, Melanie Walsh visits the changes in routine that are familiar to many children whose parents live apart, but whose love and involvement remain as constant as ever.

## Book Information

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Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

Walsh addresses divorce from a playful angle in this interactive story with smudgy, inviting pictures that resemble finger-painting.Ã¢â $\neg a ̂ ~ \bullet P u b l i s h e r s$ WeeklyChildren with divorced parents often lead bifurcated lives, and WalshÃçâ $\neg$ â,,థs ingenious lift-the-flap book acknowledges this common situation in a welcoming, straightforward manner. On each spread, WalshÃ¢̂â $\neg a ̂, \not \subset s$ cheery, childlike paintings morph, via flaps, from yellow bedroom walls to flowered ones, from a panda nightlight to a string of glowing plastic butterflies. She also gracefully addresses post-divorce changes in birthday celebrations and afterschool routines... Of course no arrangement is perfect, and sometimes the girl misses the absent parent, but luckily the remedy is only a reassuring phone
conversationÃ¢̣̂ $\neg a ̂ \bullet a n d ~ a ~ f l a p ~ l i f t A ̃ \not \subset a ̂ ~ \neg a ̂ ~ \cdot a w a y . A ̃ \not \subset a ̂ ~ \neg a ̂ ~ \cdot T h e ~ H o r n ~ B o o k A ~ l i t t l e ~ g i r l A ̃ \not \subset a ̂ ~ \neg a ̂,, c s ~ s$ parents have separated, so she lives with her mom at her house and also stays with her dad at his apartment. As she describes her life in both homes, oversize lift-the-flaps show the differences... Bold, clear acrylic art mixed with collage is simple and childlike, while the flap on each spread lovingly supports differences and provides enjoyment. Children who live in two separate homes can gain a sense of security from this attractive, reassuring book.Ãcâ $\neg a ̂ \cdot$ School Library Journal

Melanie Walsh is the author-illustrator of Trick or Treat?, Ten Things I Can Do to Help My World, and many other books for children. She lives in England.

Best book l've found to explain to my 3 year old our amicable split. A lot of the divorce books focus on it not being the kids' fault that the parents don't like each other but that's not every divorce so it was getting frustrating trying to find tools to explore this transition that wouldn't put unnecessary ideas into the kids' head. Very positive book while still being very matter of fact about moms and dads living in different places.

I can't say enough great things about this book. It was extremely helpful for my 5 -year-old to help identify with a character who would live sometimes with mom and sometimes with dad but always be very, very loved. It does not get into divorce or parents fighting or blame, which was good for us as our situation is quite amicable. The morning after we told our daughter, she asked to read this first thing.

This is one of two books I have found that presents a healthy divorce (parents not fighting, yelling, kids being scared, etc). It is a great illustration for my son and helps explain that no matter where is he, he is loved so much by both of his parents. I like that it shows two parents attending the child's event to support what matters most, the child! High recommend.

My daughter and I read this book every night we are together. It seems to help a lot!!!!

Good book about divorce and switching houses ..

This is by far the best book on the subject of transitioning to two homes for little guys. It is colorful and playful and light. We bought them all and this one's the best.

This book is very cute and my almost 3 year old likes it too. He's able to relate to it as his parents are recently separated and has even helped him talk a bit more about what's going on.

This book was great for talking with my son about a difficult topic. I would recommend this book to others who have children in a splitting household.

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