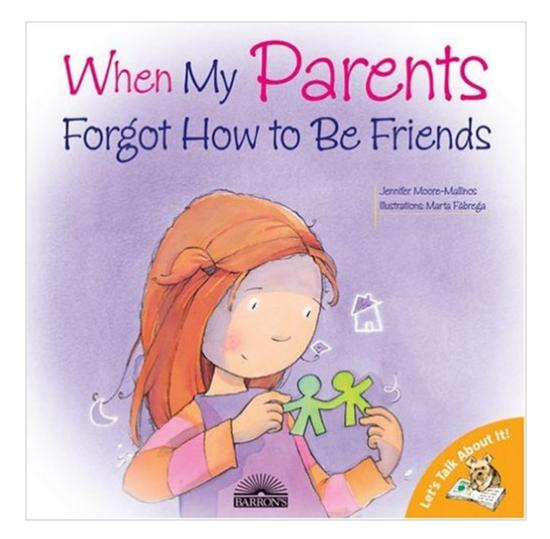
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# When My Parents Forgot How To Be Friends (Let's Talk About It!)





## Synopsis

Young children become confused and hurt when their parents constantly argue, then decide to divorce. This sensitively written book assures boys and girls that children are in no way responsible for their parents' inability to get along together. It lets kids know that although one parent chooses to move away from the home, both parents continue to love their little boy or girl. Both Mom and Dad will continue to spend happy times with them. Even very young children have concerns and anxieties, and Tell Somebody Books are written and illustrated especially for them. Parents are advised to read these books aloud while their preschooler listens and looks at illustrations of the boys and girls in each story. Many children in early grades will be able to read the stories for themselves. Tell Somebody Books encourage children to explore their feelings, and then to speak openly about things that trouble them.

#### **Book Information**

Series: Let's Talk About It! Paperback: 32 pages Publisher: Barron's Educational Series (March 1, 2005) Language: English ISBN-10: 0764131729 ISBN-13: 978-0764131721 Product Dimensions: 0.2 x 9.2 x 9.2 inches Shipping Weight: 6.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.0 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (35 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #41,884 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #26 in Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Family Life > Marriage & Divorce #195 in Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Family Life > Values #482 in Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Friendship, Social Skills & School Life > Emotions & Feelings Age Range: 8 - 12 years Grade Level: 3 - 7

### **Customer Reviews**

"When My Parents Forgot How to Be Friends" is a Let's Talk about It! book about a young girl coming to terms with the divorce of her parents. Written by Jennifer Moore-Mallinois and simply but friendly illustrated by Marta Fabrega, this book was originally published in Spain as "Cuando Mis Padres se Olvidaron de Ser Amigos," but the subject matter is obviously universal and there is nothing specific to Spanish culture that gets in the way of the book's message. The title of this book for younger readers in this particular situation does constitute something of an euphemism because when parents get divorced it is not just because they have stopped being friends, but rather than they had stopped loving each other and all that entails. However, I can fully appreciate that under such circumstances you would not want to focus on how people stop loving each other, since one of the fears Moore-Malllinos deals with here is that if mommy and daddy can stop loving each other, maybe they can stop loving their children as well. At the start of this book not only are the parents friends, they are a happy family, where every Saturday is a special family night and they always do things together. But then things start to change. The key part of this book is that is shows how the young girl is on the outside of what is going on, which is why this book is important not only for young children in this situation but their parents. In this case the young girl does not know why her parents are arguing, why they are mad, why her mom is crying, and why her dad has moved out of the house.

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