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Mom And The Polka-Dot Boo-Boo



Synopsis

Winner: 2008 National Health Information Award, Gold; 2008 Mom's Choice Award, Gold, Health & Safety
An informative and reassuring story, this book helps families talk about breast cancer, gently preparing children for what lies ahead in the weeks and months following their mother's diagnosis.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I was recently diagnosed with breast cancer, and my daughter is 2.5 years old. I bought this book to help her understand what was happening. I also bought several others including Mommy Had a Mastectomy and You Are the Best Medicine. This book is the best of the 3 for a small child. I ended up returning the other two. It helped explain that Mommy is sick with "boo-boos" and will need special medicine to get better without going into things that a 2 year probably never thought about, like being scared about Mommy dying or worrying about catching cancer. That being said, it does not talk about surgery or staying in the hospital, which is something I think most breast cancer patients will have to deal with during the course of their treatment. It really focuses instead on chemotherapy side effects like hair loss and fatigue, and also depression/sadness. It would have been helpful if it had talked a little about surgery. Also, the prognosis of the mom in the book is positive. It talks about when the cancer is gone and saying goodbye to the breast boo-boo. As a stage IV patient, my prognosis is poor and I struggle with reading the end because I know it

probably won't apply to our situation. That said, my daughter is only 2.5, and I don't know that she would be ready to hear anything different at this point, and the ending is gentle and positive without being over-the-top-promising-Mommy-will-be-100%-better. Overall an excellent book for the very young child. We've had it for two months now, and my daughter still asks to read it all the time.

I searched for a book to help my children (ages 4 and 2) understand that mommy has breast cancer, but so many talk about being scared. My kids are too young to realize that mommy having cancer is scary. This is their first experience with cancer, and I'm not about to read to them that they should be scared. This is the BEST book. It does not use the word "scared" or even reference anything in that aspect. Note: it does reference chemotherapy and losing your hair, but that was perfect for me because I need both chemo and radiation. HIGHLY recommend if you have a young child!

I bought this book for my grandchildren when I was diagnosed with breast cancer. It helped them to deal with many difficult situations in a very gentle way. I highly recommend this to anyone who has a loved one with breast cancer and you want to explain it to children in a way that won't scare or scar them.

We got this book to help explain to our young kids that their great aunt has breast cancer. It's a cute book, and it explains things pretty easily to little ones without scaring them. After reading, my kids were excited to pick out hats for their aunt to keep her bald head warm. :) I'll definitely recommend this book to friends and family if they need it.

Although this book was written by a girl in a way girls think my 3 yr old boy really understood the story and how it applies to Mommy. The story lightly addresses every aspect of cancer and each time my boy asked a health related question we could use the terms from this book to answer, from feeling tired to losing your hair from Chemo. Highly recommended for toddlers.

Charming little book about breast cancer to help explain to small children. My 5 year old may have been a tad old for it, but she still really enjoyed it and does read it repeatedly still.

Bought this for my granddaughter (4 yrs) to help her understand why I (nana) would not be babysitting for awhile! Message clear and easy to understand.

Extremely quick read. It really helped me to talk about my treatments with my 3-year old, without freaking her out.

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