

## RESOURCE LIST FOR OLDER CHILDREN WHO HAVE A PARENT WITH CANCER



### **Beautiful (1998)**

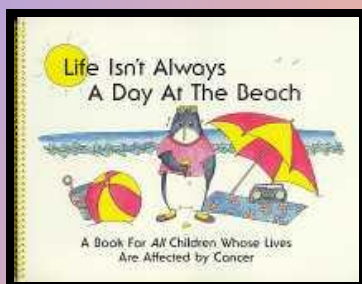
By: Susi Gregg Fowler. Illustration by Jim Fowler

A young boy and his uncle work together to create a garden. When the boy's uncle becomes sick and is hospitalized, the young boy takes care of the garden to help greet his uncle when he comes home. Ages 5 and up.

### **Coping When a Parent Has Cancer**

By: Linda Leopold Strauss and Ruth Rosen

Suggests ways to cope when a parent has cancer.



### **Life Isn't Always a Day at the Beach; A Book for All Children Whose Lives are Affected by Cancer (1996)**

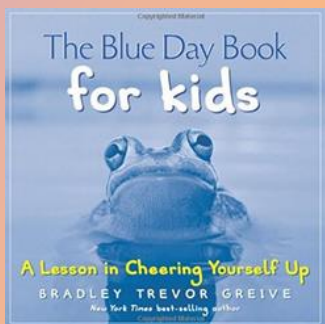
By: Pam Ganz and Tobi Scofield

A workbook helps children express their feelings and facilitates family communication. This book is included in the Family Connections Program KidPacks for children ages 4-7 and 8-12.

### **Moms Don't Get Sick (1990)**

By: Pat and Ben Brack

This book has chapters written by a mom who has breast cancer and her son. Both describe their thoughts and feelings during her cancer treatment.



### **The Blue Day Book For Kids: A Lesson in Cheering Yourself Up (2005)**

By: Bradley Trevor Greive

A book filled with funny, black and white photos of animals and clever poetic insights. It also contains compassionate words of wisdom for children 12 and under.

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## My Mom Has Breast Cancer (VIDEO)

Kidscope

Available at: <http://www.kidscope.org/video.html>



## Not Now...I'm Having a No Hair Day (2003)

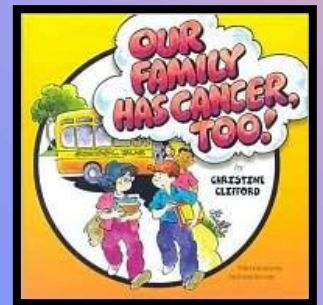
By: Christine Clifford

A breast cancer patient's journey expressed through 60 cartoons that offer a humorous take on a serious subject.

## Our family has cancer too!

By: Christine Clifford

A 54-page book that chronicles the cancer journey from diagnosis through treatment from the perspective of an eleven-year-old boy.



## When Someone Has a Very Serious Illness: Children Can Learn to Cope With Loss and Change

By: Marge Heegard

A workbook to aid in family communication about illness and coping.

## When Someone in Your Family has Cancer

National Cancer Institute

Available at: [www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov)

Resource Room (Parent Binder)



You may want to look for these books at your local or school library. You might also want to talk to your parent about ordering one of these books from Amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com or purchasing it at a local bookstore.

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## WEB RESOURCES

### **Kids Health**

[www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org)

A kid-friendly site that includes "WORD!", a dictionary of medical terms explained in easy-to-understand language. - Other highlights include "Health Problems of Grownups" (information on breast cancer) and "How to Deal with Feelings" (specific feelings like anger, fear, and sadness, as well as how it feels when someone you know has a chronic illness).

### **Kids Konnected**

[www.kidskonnected.org](http://www.kidskonnected.org)

This national non-profit organization provides information and resources geared toward children of various ages. It includes a newsletter as well as listings of support groups, hotlines, and links to other sources of information.

### **My Parents Cancer**

<http://www.myparentscancer.com.au/home.html>

From Australia, this site offers information for older children and teens that have a parent with cancer. It includes personal stories, a medical glossary, and answers to questions about cancer.

### **Rip Rap**

<http://www.riprap.org.uk/index.html>

From the United Kingdom, this site assists older children and teens in understanding feeling and coping.