

TOUGH TOPICS

Inspiring Conversations in Difficult Times

Kindergarten
through
Grade 2

Adoption

Gaston

By Kelly DiPuccio, Illus. by Christian Robinson

2016, Scholastic Press, 32 pp., \$12.99

Gaston is a bulldog puppy who doesn't look quite right in his poodle pack, but learns that love is what makes a family.

Home at Last

By Vera B. Williams,

Illus. by Chris Raschka and Vera B. Williams

2001, Scholastic Press, 32 pp., \$12.99

Lester is happy when he is adopted by Daddy Albert and Daddy Rich, however at night he finds he cannot fall asleep because he is alone and wonders when he will feel truly at "home."

Just a Puppy for the Family?

By Silvia Lopez, Illus. by Ziyue Chen

2017, Scholastic Press, 32 pp., \$12.99

Meili thinks that getting a puppy would be better than a little sister. The whole family prepares for the new arrival.

Yar Sa .

By Eve Bunting, Illus. by Lauren Castillo

With her family downsizing from a house to a small apartment, a young girl reminisces about the items she is saying goodbye to at their yard sale.

Illness (Catastrophic)

Ca . Ha . K

By Jessica Reid Sliwerski, Illus. by Mika Song

A child sees her Mama fight cancer like a superhero, and joins in the fight with kisses, hugs and love.

T . R . . b . Ba

By Jessie Oliveros, Illus. by Dana Wulfekotte

Through metaphor, this sensitive picture book explains memory loss associated with aging and diseases such as Alzheimer's.

Immigration

Ca . a F . . W

By Matt de la Pena, Illus. by Christian Robinson

Carmela has lots of wishes on her birthday.

