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Our Mom Has Cancer



Synopsis

A humorous, honest, and hopeful account of the year that Abigail and Adrienne's mother underwent treatment for breast cancer.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Many children's books about cancer in a parent treat it as movie disease: a convenient way to introduce mortality. When I was diagnosed with breast cancer, I needed a way to let my children know what they could expect as far as my therapy, and let them know what might happen emotionally. This is by far the best of several children's picture books written about a parent with cancer. Because it is written and illustrated by two sisters, it conveys what kids want to know. It showed the passage of time during treatment, and it showed that people were loving and kind and hopeful in the midst of a rotten time. This book is excellent, and I would recommend it to any parent who has been diagnosed with cancer as a way to open discussions with elementary-aged and younger children.

When Abigail and Adrienne's mom told them she had cancer, they were afraid. But when the girls couldn't find any books that explained what might happen to their mother and what they might expect, they wrote one themselves. They tell readers when their mother was tired during treatment,

friends and family pitched in to help cook and to push her in her wheelchair. When chemotherapy made their mom's hair fall out, friends and family threw a hat party for her and honored her with an original song. Their mom's hair has grown back, and Abigail and Adrienne have found that their family is closer than ever. The girls' story will show other youngsters that they are not alone in their experience with a loved one's cancer.

I go to school at Village Elementary in Coronado. Adrienne and Abigail are the cousins of a kid in my class named Paul. They got to come to our school and read the book to us. I think it was very good. It really is based on a true story! The book was about their mom who had breast cancer. They even wrote a hat song in the story! I give the book two thumbs up!

Perfect for our 9-year-old son when Mom was diagnosed. These girls wrote a great book that introduces cancer, treatment, and hope. As a mom, it was incredibly helpful to read this with my son, so we know some of what's coming. I'm very grateful for these girls and the book they wrote & illustrated.

My daughter is undergoing chemo. She was told she would lose her hair, so before she lost all of her hair I ordered this book for my grandson. It helped tremendously for him to understand why Mama was bald. I recommend this book highly to anyone who has a child whose parent is going through chemo.

This is a book written by children for children. It is for kids in elementary school. I would not recommend this book for pre-k through 2nd grade. It answers many questions and lets children know what to expect when a parent has cancer. This is a well-written book.

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