

## **Book List** (Suggested Reading)

- A Beautiful World: Greg Tyler Milligan-** A survivor of child abuse raises his son to know only love and compassion.
- **Advocating For The Child In Protection Proceedings- Donald Duquette - Child Development – Judges Reference Guide-** Out of print.
  - **A Child Called It, The Lost Boy and A Man Called Dave: Dave Pelzer** (a trilogy should be read in order). A story of a child lost in the foster care system and his amazing resilience.\*
  - **A Child’s Journey Through Placement – Vera Fahlberg, MD –** A sourcebook for adoption.
  - **Come Back- Claire and Mia Forlani:** A mother and daughters journey through hell and back. Drugs, sexual abuse and self mutilation.\*
  - **Damaged-Cathy Glass:** A story of how one foster parent’s patience and love unlocks a little girl’s darkest, most painful secrets.
- A Friend Like Henry-Nuala Gardner-** The true story of an autistic boy and the dog that unlocked his world.
- **Gemma – Meg Tilly:** A story about both sides of child molestation and sexual abuse.\*
  - **Girls in Trouble-Caroline Leavitt-A story about open adoption from everyone’s side.\***
  - **Go Ask Alice – Anonymous -**The diary of a 15 year old drug user.\*
  - **Helping Children Cope With Separation and Loss – Claudia Jewett Jarratt-**
  - A resource for adults dealing with children in times of loss and sorrow.
  - **High On Arrival- Mackenzie Phillips-** An all you need to know about drug use. Her book is honest, raw and frightening and also touches on incest.
  - **Hope’s Boy - Andrew Bridge-** Mental illness, loss, foster care and success.\*
  - **I Speak For This Child- Gay Courter:** True stories of a child advocate\*
  - **Jason: Ward of the state – Mary J. Peterson –** A Casa’s commitment to her student.\*
  - **The Liar’s Club-Mary Karr-**May Karr describes her east Texas childhood in the bosom of a crazy family tormented by unspoken sorrows.\*
  - **Lighting the Way – CASA-** A volunteer child advocate speaks out.
  - **Making Sense of the ASFS (American Safe Families Act) Regulation**
  - **A Million Little Pieces – James Frey’s** account of his six weeks in rehab. (fiction)\*
  - **Nobody’s Children – Elizabeth Bartholet-** Abuse, neglect and the adoption alternative.
  - **One Child -Torey Hayden-** Ms. Hayden is a teacher of children with severe mental handicaps and emotional disorders. This is the story of how she reached out to an extremely disturbed child who had suffered horrific abuse.
  - **One Small Boat – Kathy Harrison –** Can home and belonging ever be restored to children after they have been taken away from their natural parent? A story of foster care.\*

- **Preparing for Success** – A guide to parents who adopt sexually abused children.
- **Push/Precious-Sapphire-** a book about an illiterate 16 year old, pregnant for a second time by her father, who decides, with some help, that she wants more out of life.\*
- **Sing You Home-** Jodi Piccoult- 3 people’s story of fertility issues, church, gay parents and who has the right to parent.
- **Somebody Else’s Children – John Hubner-** The Courts, The Kids and The Struggle to Save America’s Troubled Families.
- **Somebody Else’s Children-Torey Hayden-** Problem children that nobody else wanted until an extraordinary teacher took them into her heart.
- **Somebody's Someone- Regina Louise-** A child's search through foster care, a broken family and residential treatment for someone to love her.\*
- **Someone There For Me – Antwone Fisher and CASA -** Through the eyes of a teen in foster care.\*
- **The Boy Who Was Raised As A Dog:** Bruce D. Perry, M.D., Ph.D. and other stories from a child psychiatrist’s notebook.\*
- **The Glass Castle - Jeannette Walls :** Growing up with an alcoholic father and living on the streets.\*
- **The Lost Children Of Wilder (The Epic Struggle to Change Foster Care) Nina Bernstein.** This book asks us to reconsider how we handle children who are without home or family.\*
- **Understanding the Drug-Exposed Child – Ira J. Chasnoff-** Approaches to behavior and learning.

## Children’s Books

**The Day We Met You- Phoebe Koehler-** Adoption

**Happy Adoption Day- John McCutcheon**

**Just for Now – Kids and the people of the court- Kimberly Morris-**

An explanation of foster care for children.

## Pamphlets

**A Question of Balance: Decision Making for the CASA/GAL Volunteer-** Janet Ward for National CASA.\*

\* Books with an asterisk are in the CASA office. If you have any books that you would like to donate to our collection, it would be much appreciated.