

Picture Book Staff Picks:

Worry/Anxiety



IShelton Books 2023

See You Later, Croc-A-Gator Imogen Shelton (Author) Alina Kralia (Illustrator) Age: 1-10 years A wonderful resource to help guide children dealing with separation anxiety or preparing



Simon Spotlight 2014

Daniel Goes to School
Becky Friedman (Adapter)
Jason Fruchter (Illustrator)
Age: 2-4 years
Daniel Tirer is excited to go

Daniel Tiger is excited to go to school, but he's not happy that his dad can't stay at school with him.

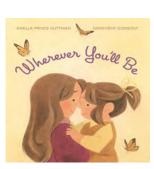


Free Spirit Publishing 2008

Bye-Bye Time Elizabeth Verdick (Author) Marieka Heinlen (Illustrator) Age: 1-3 years

for any big change.

This gentle book helps ease the transition with simple rituals: hugs and kisses, a big wave, a deep breath, and the confidence to seek comfort with the new caregiver or other children.



Flamingo Books 2021

Wherever You'll Be
Ariella Prince Guttman (Author)
Genevieve Godbout (Illustrator)
Age: 3-5 years
Wherever You'll Be celebrates the
connection between parent and child
and lovingly shows readers that love



Abrams Appleseed 2014

I Am So Brave!
Stephen Krensky (Author)
Sara Gillingham (Illustrator)
Age: 1-3 years
The Empowerment series
addresses the small victories
of growing up and starting to
embrace the world on your

own terms.



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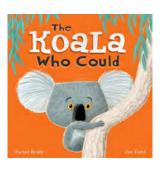
Worries Are Not Forever Elizabeth Verdick (Author) Marieka Heinlen (lustrator) Age: 1-4 years Give toddlers tools to ease anxieties and worries and feel better again.

transcends location.



Little Tiger Press 2019

The Worry Box
Suzane Chiew (Author)
Sean Jilian (Illustrator)
Age: 3-6 years
Murray Bear has lots of worries.
With the help of his sister, Milly,
Murray makes a special box in
which to keep all his worries. But
can the worry box really help?



Scholastic Press 2017

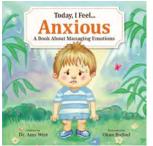
The Koala Who Could
Rachel Bright (Author)
Jim Field (Illustrator)
Age: 2-6 years
Kevin preferred not to move or to change. Kevin the koala loves
every day to be the same, where
it's snug and safe. But when
change comes along, will Kevin
embrace all the joys that come
with trying something new?

Teacher Resources: How to Ease Your Child's Separation Anxiety; Anxiety in Children

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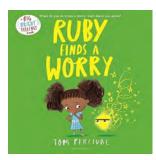
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Puppy Dogs & Ice Cream 2024

Today, I Feel ...Anxious
Dr. Amy West (Author)
Okan Bulbul (Illustrator)
Age: 4-7 years
Discover powerful coping
strategies that help kids process
and manage their anxiety.



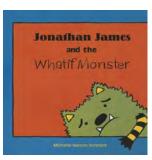
Bloomsbury Children's Books 2021

Ruby Finds a Worry
Tom Percival (Author/Illustrator)
Age: 4-6 years
This perceptive and poignant story
is the perfect springboard for talking
to children about emotions and
anxieties.



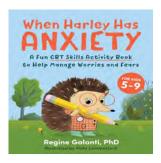
Kids Can Press 2008

Scaredy Squirrel
Melanie Watt (Author/Illustrator)
Age: 3-7 years
Scaredy Squirrel never leaves his
nut tree. It's way too dangerous
out there. But in his tree, every
day is the same and if danger
comes along, he's well-prepared.



Kane Miller 2012

Jonathan James and the Whatif Monster
Michelle Nelson-Schmidt
(Author/(Illustrator)
Age: 5-8 years
This child-friendly rhyming tale provides the ideal antidote for every child's occasional bouts of self-doubt and fear of trying something new.



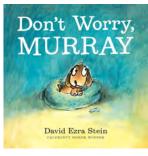
Z Kids 2021

When Harley Has Anxiety
Regine Galanti PhD (Author)
Vicky Lommatzsch (Illustrator)
Age: 5-9 years
Expert psychologist and bestselling author Dr. Regine Galanti
offers an activity book that teaches
kids how to be brave and feel less
anxious.



Little Brown Books for Young Readers 2019

The Don't Worry Book
Todd Parr (Author/Illustrator)
Age: 3-6 years
With his signature humor and
instantly recognizable style, Todd
speaks out to kids who are feeling
the weight of their world, offering
solutions and comfort, as well as
giggles.



Balzer + Bray 2022

Don't Worry, Murray
David Ezra Stein
(Author/Illustrator)
Age: 4-8 years
From Caldecott Honor-winning
artist David Ezra Stein comes a
tender and reassuring story about
facing our fears, whatever they
may be.



Little Bee Books 2020

The Whatifs
Emily Kilgore (Author)
Zoe Persico (Illustrator)
Age: 4-8 years
Cora is struggling with her
What if questions ahead of a big
piano recital in this picture book
about overcoming anxiety.

Teacher Resources: Understanding Anxiety in Kids and Teens; What to Do When Children Are Anxious