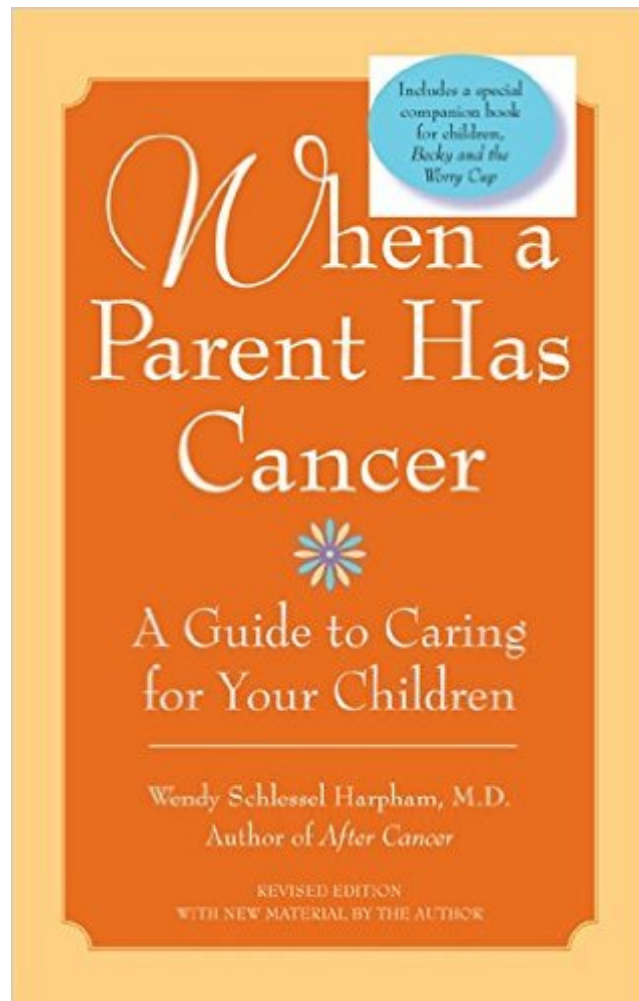


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# When A Parent Has Cancer: A Guide To Caring For Your Children



## Synopsis

At some point in our lives, many of us will face the crisis of an unexpected illness. For parents, the fear, anxiety and confusion resulting from a cancer diagnosis can be particularly devastating. When *A Parent Has Cancer* is a book for families written from the heart of experience. A mother, physician, and cancer survivor, Dr Wendy Harpham offers clear, direct, and sympathetic advice for parents challenged with the task of raising normal, healthy children while they struggle with a potentially life-threatening disease. Dr Harpham lays the groundwork of her book with specific plans for helping children through the upheaval of a parent's diagnosis and treatment, remission and recovery, and if necessary, confronting the possibility of death. She emphasises the importance of being honest with children about the gravity of the illness, while assuring them that their basic needs will always be met. Included is *Becky and the Worry Cup*, an illustrated children's book that tells the story of a seven-year-old girl's experiences with her mother's cancer.

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Based on her own experiences with cancer, Harpham offers insightful, compassionate and sound advice to parents. Most books on this subject talk about how to break the news to children and deal with their initial reaction. This book goes beyond that, dealing with the issues that arise during the long months of treatment. *Becky and the Worry Cup* is a wonderful companion piece that will comfort children of all ages

This is an excellent guide for being a parent, not just a parent with cancer. You can tell that Dr. Harpham has put enormous energy into making sure her children are affected as little as possible by her illness. Our children would be so lucky if they were not affected by our bad days, our obsessions, or our tainted view of reality. There are a lot of feel good about being a parent books out there. This is an excellent practical guide.

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Not only does this book deal with a very sensitive and difficult topic in a very intelligent, straightforward, sensitive, and psychologically healthy manner, but it teaches extremely valuable skills for parenting and coping with ANY troubles life may throw your way. The companion book for children does the very same thing, and very effectively teaches children coping skills in an encouraging, realistic, and safe way. Both books excel in highlighting and addressing differences between the ways adults process thoughts and emotions and the way children do this.

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I've recommended to a few friends who are dealing with the impact of serious parental health issues. Bought it because I enjoyed being her patient until her first diagnosis but discovered it's an amazing resource.

This book was a gift to a dear friend who has three young children and is battling cancer for the second time. She said she found this book very helpful in both her thoughts and how to begin the conversation with her older girls. She especially liked the children's book included. I only wish this was a purchase I didn't have to make.

Some info a bit clinical, but any parent should consider the age / maturity of his/her child when

determining the "details" to share/explain. Overall a good resource to help children understand what's happening to his/her Mom/Dad.

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