

Books about Moving or A Friend Moving Away

Picture Books (JJF)

Asch, Frank. Goodbye House. Bear is getting ready to move, but feels he has forgotten to do something; slowly he goes through the empty rooms remembering how they were and in the end Bear is ready to leave because now he has said goodbye. **JJF Asch**

Ballard, Robin. Good-bye house. A child says goodbye to the old house before moving with Mama and Papa to a new home. **JJF Ballard**

Berenstain, Stan. The Berenstain Bears' Moving Day. The bear family decides it's time to move to a bigger house. **JJF Berenstain**.

Bottner, Barbara. Rosa's Room. Rosa searches for things that will fill her room in her new home, but it feels empty until she discovers exactly what is missing. **JJF Bottner**

Bourgeois, Paulette. Franklin's Bad Day. Since Franklin's friend Otter moved away, nothing seems to go right -- until Franklin figures out a way he and Otter can stay friends. **JJF Bourgeois**

Bullard, Lisa. My Neighborhood: Places & Faces. Libbie gives a tour of her neighborhood to a boy just about her age whose family is moving in next door. **JJF Bullard**

Carlstrom, Nancy. I'm Not Moving, Mama! Mama and child discuss the family's upcoming move to a new house and the reasons why she does not wish to leave the child behind. **JJF Carlstrom**

Cumming, Hannah. The Red Boat. Posy is afraid of her new house and all the unknown that comes with it, but when she and her dog find a red boat in the garden, she imagines all kinds of adventures and gains confidence despite being the new kid. **JJF Cumming**

Daly, Niki. Where's Jamela? When Mama gets a new job and a new house, everyone is excited about moving except Jamela who likes her old house just fine. **JJF Daly**

Davies, Sally. Why Did We Have to Move Here? A young boy has trouble adjusting to his new home and his new school, until he decides that with a little effort, he can make new friends. **JJF Davies**

Denise, Anika. Bella and Stella Come Home. A little girl tries to reassure her favorite doll when they move to a new, and very different, home. **JJF Denise**

Gleeson, Libby. Half a World Away. When Louie's best friend Amy moves to the other side of the world, Louie must find a way to reconnect with her. **JJF Gleeson**

Golembe, Carla. Annabelle's Big Move. In two stories, a dog must adjust when her family moves to a new house and she makes new friends on a visit to the beach. **JJF Golembe**

Hallowell, George. Wagons Ho. Compares the experiences of Jenny Johnson and Katie Miller as their families move from Missouri to Oregon, one in 1846 and one in 2011. **JJF Hallowell**

Hest, Amy. The Best-Ever Good-bye Party. Depressed about her best friend's upcoming move to a new apartment, Jessica tries to cheer herself by throwing a going away party. **JJF Hest**

Hoffman, Ginnie. The Bear Next Door. After moving to a new house, Andy is unhappy to find a girl named Sam living next door, but with the help of their teddy bears, Andy and Sam become friends.

JJF Hoffman

Jones, Penelope. I'm Not Moving! Five-year-old Emily is determined she won't move with her family and scouts the neighborhood for someone to take her in. **JJF Jones**

Juster, Norton. Neville. When a boy and his family move to a new house, he devises an ingenious way to meet people in the neighborhood. **JJF Juster**

Kalan, Robert. Moving Day. A hermit crab looking for a new home tries several different shells before finding one that fits just right. **JJF Kalan**

Komaiko, Leah. Annie Bananie. Sad because her best friend, Annie Bananie, is moving away, a little girl remembers all the fun they had together. **JJF Komaiko**

Lobel, Anita. Nini here and there. Fearing at first that her family is going on vacation without her, Nini the cat ends up traveling with her owners to their new home. **JJF Lobel**

Maisner, Heather. We're moving. When Amy and her family move into a new house, it takes some effort to make it feel like home. **JJF Maisner**

McGeorge, Constance. Boomer's Big Day. Moving day proves confusing for Boomer, a golden retriever, until he at last explores his new home and finds his own favorite and familiar things.

JJF McGeorge

Newsome, Jill. Shadow. After moving to a new home, a little girl is unhappy until her pet rabbit Shadow helps her to make a new friend. **JJF Newsome**

Rabe, Berneice. A Smooth Move. When his family moves from Oregon to Washington, D.C., Gus decides to record their experiences and his own feelings in a journal. **JJF Rabe**

Rostoker-Gruber, Karen. Bandit. When Bandit's family moves to a new house, the cat runs away and returns to the only home he knows, but after he is brought back, he understands that the new house is now home. **JJF Rostoker-Gruber**

Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. Gila Monsters Meet You at the Airport. A New York City boy's preconceived ideas of life in the West make him very apprehensive about the family's move there.

JJF Sharmat

Stevenson, Jocelyn. When Grover Moved to Sesame Street. Grover feels sad about leaving his old home to move to Sesame Street until he meets Big Bird, Bert, Ernie, Cookie Monster and other friends. **JJF Sesame**

Taylor, Eleanor. My Friend the Monster. After his family moves into their new house, Louis the fox discovers a very frightened monster living under his bed, and when he takes the monster to the park with him, the monster helps him make new friends. **JJF Taylor**

Teague, Mark. The Trouble with the Johnsons. Unhappy with their family's move to the city, Elmo and his cat Leon take a nocturnal journey to their old house in the country but find that things are somehow not the same there. **JJF Teague**

Viorst, Judith. Alexander, who's Not (Do You Hear Me? I mean it!) Going to Move. Angry Alexander refuses to move away if it means having to leave his favorite friends and special places. **JJF Viorst**

Waber, Bernard. Gina. When Gina moves to a new apartment building she discovers there are plenty of boys but no girls her own age to play with. **JJF Waber**

Waber, Bernard. Ira Says Goodbye. Ira is surprised to discover that his best friend Reggie feels happy about having to move to a new town. **JJF Waber**

Wagner, Anke. Tim's Big Move. Pico, a stuffed dog, worries that he will not like the new house when his owner tells him they are moving to a new town. **JJF Wagner**

Watt, Melanie. Augustine. Moving all the way from the South Pole to the North Pole isn't easy for the young penguin Augustine. But with the help of a few colored pencils and some inspiration from Picasso, this shy, artistic young penguin discovers a way to break the ice with her classmates and feel at home on the other end of the world. **JJF Watt**

Yolen, Jane. Elsie's Bird. Young Elsie must find a way to adapt to her new home on the Nebraska prairie after she and her father leave their comfortable city life in Boston. **JJF Yolen**

Easy Readers (JER)

Altman, Suzanne. My Worst Days Diary. Mighty Mo reveals in her diary some of the most embarrassing moments during her first year at a new school. **JER-3 Altman**

Hall, Kristen. My New Town. While giving a tour of his new town, a young boy introduces the reader to his teacher, dentist, barber, and police officer as well as his newly adopted baby sister. **JER-1 Hall**

Hoff, Syd. Who Will Be My Friends? He likes his new room and his new street. The policeman and the mailman are very nice. But what Freddy really needs are friends — and he looks everywhere until he finds them! **JER-2 Hoff**

Kittinger, Jo S. Moving Day. After a girl says goodbye to friends, she and her family load up the car and head for their new house. **JER-2 Kittinger**

Krensky, Stephen. We Just Moved! When a boy moves with his family to a bigger castle, he finds that some things about life in the new place are different, some things are the same, and he gets more comfortable the longer he is there. **JER-2 Krensky**

Levitt, Sidney. The Mighty Movers. Moving men Fred and Ted tackle the tough assignment of moving a stubborn ghost to a new house. **JER-3 Levitt**

Rylant, Cynthia. Henry and Mudge and Annie's Good Move. When Henry's cousin Annie prepares to move in next door he and Mudge help calm her fears. **JER-3 Rylant**

Sharmat, Marjorie Weiman. Mitchell is Moving. A dinosaur's exuberance about moving cools considerably when he realizes how much he misses his next-door friend. **JER-3 Sharmat**

Non-Fiction

Burgan, Lori Collins. Moving with Kids: 25 ways to ease your family's transition to a new home. **648.9 Burgan (adult nonfiction)**.

Helmer, Diana Star. Let's Talk About Moving to a New Place. Discusses some of the feelings that moving from one place to another may cause and how to adjust. **J648.9 Helmer**

Fiction (JF)

Bateson, Catherine. Stranded in Borningsville. Following her parents separation, twelve-year-old Rain moves with her mother to the country, where she befriends the unpopular boy who lives next door and also seeks a way to cope with her feelings toward her father and his new girlfriend. **JF Bateson**

Branford, Anna. Violet Mackerel's Personal Space. Violet finds a special way to cope with moving to a new home after Mama marries Vincent. **JF Branford**

Cabot, Meg. Moving Day. Nine-year-old Allie Finkle has rules for everything and is even writing her own rule book, but her world is turned upside-down when she learns that her family is moving across town, which will mean a new house, school, best friend, and plenty of new rules. **JF Cabot**

Giff, Patricia Reilly. Matthew Jackson meets the Wall. Matthew's family's move from New York to Ohio is difficult enough as they leave behind good friends and memories, but the disappearance of their cat and a neighbor boy so tough he's called the "Wall" add to Matthew's anxieties. **JF Giff**

Hurwitz, Johanna. New Neighbors for Nora. Seven-year-old Nora has adventures with old and new neighbors in her New York City apartment building. **JF Hurwitz**

Fletcher, Ralph F. Moving Day. Twelve-year-old Fletch has a hard time adjusting after his father announces that they will be moving from Massachusetts to Ohio. **J811.54 Fletcher**

Lewis, Maggie. Morgy Makes His Move. When third grader Morgy MacDougal-MacDuff moves from California to Massachusetts with his parents, he has a lot of new things he has to get used to before he feels comfortable. **JF Lewis**

Lowry, Lois. Anastasia Again! Twelve-year-old Anastasia is horrified at her family's decision to move from their city apartment to a house in the suburbs. **JF Lowry**

Maddox, Jake. Board Rebel. When Tanner moves to an exclusive new town he misses his old skate park, but with the help of the town bully and another new friend, Tanner thinks he can figure out a way to get a skate park built in Woodville. **JF Maddox**

Morrison, Dorothy Nafus. Whisper Goodbye. When Katie's small Oregon town is to be flooded and turned into a lake, she learns she will not be able to take her beloved horse to her new home. **JF Morrison**

Moss, Marissa. Amelia's Notebook. The hand-lettered contents of a nine-year-old girl's notebook, in which she records her thoughts and feelings about moving, starting school, and dealing with her older sister, as well as keeping her old best friend and making a new one. **JF Moss**

Springstubb, Tricia. Mo Wren Lost and Found. When eleven-year-old Mo's mother dies in an accident and Mo's devastated father deals with the loss by moving the family to a new town and starting a new life as the owner of a sports bar, Mo must leave her much loved neighborhood on Fox Street to live in an apartment above the "cursed" Corky's Tavern. **JF Springstubb**

Szymanski, Lois. A New Kind of Magic. Inconsolable at having to leave her beloved horse, Magic, and her home when the family farm is foreclosed, Jenny finds that city life in an apartment offers its own pleasures and challenges. **JF Szymanski**

Townsend, Michael. Kit Feeny: On the move. Kit Feeny is moving and losing his best friend! Who will help Kit make things out of cheeseballs? Who will he go ninja fishing with? Join Kit as he mostly figures this all out in his very first totally stupid and completely awesome adventure. **JGraphic Townsend**

Williams, Maiya. The Fizzy Whiz Kid. Moving to Hollywood with his academic parents, eleven-year-old Mitch feels like an outsider in his school where everyone has connections to the powerful and famous in the entertainment industry, until he is cast in a soda commercial that launches a popular catchphrase. **JF Williams**

Williams, Vera B. Scooter. A child's silver blue scooter helps her adjust to her new home. **JF Williams.**