

# My Family

**You can choose your friends but you can't choose your relations. This is an old saying, yet how true it is.**

If you could choose your family would you want to stay with the one you have or do you think it would be more fun to live with other people? Would you want a ghastly granny, a crummy mummy, an illustrated mum, or a mum who is about to explode? Tracy Beaker, who lives in a children's home would be happy to just have her own mum around.

Not everyone has a family who loves them; some children have mean and cruel families. Just look at the Baudelaire children in the books by Lemony Snicket – they have horrible Count Otto for an uncle!

There are a lot of books in Young Calibre's library about families, some who are nice and kind, some who are very, very strange and others who are plain nasty. Perhaps some of these will show you that your own family is just normal – embarrassing maybe – but normal!

## **15710 WHEN MUM WENT TO WORK**

**By Rachel Anderson**

With both parents working, Jessica, Ollie and baby Harry have to adapt to a new way of life with surprising results.

**KS1 & 2**

## **16216 AWFUL END By Philip Ardagh**

Book 1 of the 'Eddie Dickens' trilogy. Eddie's parents have caught a dread disease so he is sent to live with relatives. Unfortunately these relatives are Mad Uncle Jack and Aunt Maud of Awful End.

## **KS1 & 2**

### **16346 DREADFUL ACTS By Philip Ardagh**

Book 2 in 'Eddie Dickens' trilogy: Sequel to 'Awful Acts'. Eddie Dickens avoids being blown up, trampled by horses, hit by a hot air balloon and arrested only to end up in the hands of some escaped convicts with a 'little job' for him to do.

## **KS1 & 2**

### **16427 TERRIBLE TIMES By Philip Ardagh**

Book 3 in the 'Eddie Dickens' Trilogy. Sequel to Dreadful Acts. Poor Eddie Dickens is back for another helping of mishaps and mayhem. Will he ever be able to live happily ever after?

## **KS1 & 2**

### **16512 PARENT SWAP By Terence Blacker**

12-year old Danny has a messed up life. Since his Mum left home he lives with his has-been rock star Dad, who now watches TV all day. When he hears about ParentSwap he is very willing to give it a go.

## **KS2 & 3**

### **16101 GEORGE'S MARVELLOUS MEDICINE**

**By Roald Dahl**

George decides to cure his cantankerous old grandmother with amazing results. A very funny book.

## **KS1 & 2**

### **16251 MATILDA By Roald Dahl**

Matilda is a very gifted 5-year old. Misunderstood by her parents, she uses her special psychic powers to get her revenge.

## **KS2**

**15972 CARE OF HENRY**

**By Anne Fine**

Hugo has to choose who to stay with while his mother's having a baby. But who will care for him and his dog, Henry.

**KS1**

**15932 CRUMMY MUMMY AND ME**

**By Anne Fine**

It is not easy for sensible Minna to have an eccentric mother with a punk boy-friend. Cassette only

**KS2**

**16058 THE GRANNY PROJECT**

**By Anne Fine**

Granny is a bit dotty, sometimes grumpy and lives in the family home. But when their mother and father decide to put her into a home, the children devise a plan to help Gran.

**KS2**

**16356 PRESS PLAY**

**By Anne Fine**

When Mum isn't there to get Nicky, Tasha and Little Joe off to school one morning they find a strange note on top of the tape player. It says 'Press Play'. The children have to follow Mum's simple instructions with hilarious results. Cassette only.

**KS1 & 2**

**16704 THE FAMILY FROM ONE END STREET**

**By Eve Garnett**

The Ruggles family may be poor, but they still know how to have fun. Each of the seven children, from capable Lily Rose right down to baby William, is lovable, and interesting. This classic family story won the Carnegie Medal in 1937.

**KS2 & 3**

**15755 GEORGE SPEAKS By Dick King-Smith**

George looks like an ordinary baby but his sister, Laura, soon discovers he is extraordinary.

**KS2**

**16044 ANASTASIA KRUPNIK By Lois Lowry**

Anastasia often feels swamped by her family, but after the arrival of a baby brother serious action is called for!

**KS2**

**15843 RAGS AND RICHES By Joan Lingard**

Modern Granny keeps her daughter's batty family on the right track in this entertaining and humorous book.

**KS2**

**16201 THE GHASTLY GRANNY By J J Murhall**

As the new World Warriors get used to their super hero powers, they have to deal with an emergency in the shape of Ma Vile!

**KS1 & 2**

**16203 THE TERRIBLE TODDLER By J J Murhall**

Hodge the Little Horror is even more scary than Vince Vile, but the Magnificent Misfits are keeping an eye on him!

**KS1 & 2**

**16293 MY MUM'S GOING TO EXPLODE**

**By Jeremy Strong**

Nicholas's mum is going to have a baby and its making her do some very strange things. First she eats nothing but sausages, then it's nappy changing races. The family is turned upside down, but there is an even bigger shock to come.

**KS1**

**16521 CANDYFLOSS By Jacqueline Wilson**

Floss, whose parents have split up, has to choose between them when her mum plans to move to Australia. She decides to stay with her dad, and things muddle along well enough until he loses his business and they become homeless. Will their friends at the fairground be able to help them?

**KS2**

**16108 THE ILLUSTRATED MUM**

**By Jacqueline Wilson**

Most people think that Marigold is a dreadful mother, but Star and Dol think that their tattoo covered mum is the best in the world.

**KS2**

**16224 LIZZIE ZIPMOUTH By Jacqueline Wilson**

Lizzie doesn't want a new family, so when she and her Mum move in with Sam, Rory and Jake she decides not to speak to ANYONE. Until she meets someone more stubborn than she is! Cassette only.

**KS1 & 2**

**15974 THE LOTTIE PROJECT By Jacqueline Wilson**

Charlotte learns to deal with her own family problems by discovering Lottie in a history project - a girl whose life in Victorian England was really hard.

**KS2**

**16275 THE STORY OF TRACY BEAKER**

**By Jacqueline Wilson**

Meet Tracy Beaker, a lively ten year old who lives in a Children's Home. She dreams of having a real home and a real family one day.

**KS2**

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