

There are abbreviated materials - "Information Packets" - that are included in this list. This list represents only materials primarily on this topic. However, there are other materials that speak to this topic available in the library (i.e., brief "Articles," etc.). Contact ORPARC for additional materials.

Siblings

Material Title: **Adoption Trilogy, The: Three films by Jean Strauss (DVD)**
 Author: Jean Strauss *DVDs* 2006 46 minutes

Silver Shorts, Vol. 1: The Adoption Trilogy: Three films by Jean Strauss

"Holding Hands", 2006, examines the relationship between Strauss and her brother, Bobby. Separated through adoption and reunited as adults, Strauss was with her brother when he died. The film addresses the issue of lifelong sibling severance in adoption and foster care. Multi-award winning short, "The Triumvirate" 2004, tells the story of Strauss's reunion with her birthmother and birth grandmother. "Vital Records" 2005, was created to help legislators understand the debate on legislation which would provide access for adoptees to their original records.

Material Title: **Best of Questions & Answers with Heather T. Forbes, LCSW, The (6 CDs)**
 Author: Heather T. Forbes, LCSW *CDs* 2015 7 hours

This 6-disc audio CD set is a compilation of the very best Q&A Heather T. Forbes has done with parents through her online parenting classes over the past several years. This one-of-a-kind audio set contains seven hours of practical, effective, & loving solutions for foster, adopted, and traumatized children. Topics include abandonment, arguing, boundaries vs. consequences, chores, disobedience, emotional age, expectations, grieving, healing, hygiene, lying, medical trauma, medication, older children, opposition, overwhelm, parent anger, parent self-care, prenatal trauma, regulatory issues, relatives, shutting down, sibling rivalry, social issues, stealing, tantrums, texting, toddler issues, transitions, trauma and much more!

Material Title: **Emma's Yucky Brother**
 Author: Jean Little *Children's Books* 2002 64 pages

Emma has always wanted a little brother. Now her family is adopting Max, and Emma is sure he will be the best brother ever. But Max has his own ideas. He thinks sisters are yucky, and that Emma is the yuckiest! Is this really what having a brother is all about? Emma learns that there is more to having a little brother than she had ever guessed -- and that in order to get the brother she wants, she must first learn to be the sister he needs.

Material Title: **How I Became a Big Brother: An Adoption Story* (Children's Materials)**
 Author: Dave Moore *Children's Books* 2008 19 pages

This is a simple adoption story told from the standpoint of a little boy whose biological parents decide to bring another child into the home through adoption. They prepare him for welcoming his new brother, and despite some early apprehension, he enthusiastically welcomes this newcomer into his family.

Material Title: **Little Heroes: Foster Care and Adoption* (Children's Materials)**
 Author: Kristin Condon & Tracy Crabb *Children's Books* 2003 32 pages

This issue focuses on two brothers, Robert and Philip, in the welfare system and their tale of new homes and separation. Little Heroes can help brothers and sisters of a new child in the family be more tolerant of the emotional turmoil of adoption, as well as help them accept the new sibling's behaviors that frustrate them and contribute to conflict in sibling relationships.

Material Title: **Oh Brother!: Growing Up With a Special Needs Sibling**
 Author: Natalie Hale *Children's Books* 2004 48 pages

An eleven-year-old girl finds ways to handle the unique challenges presented by her thirteen-year-old mentally disabled brother by looking for his good qualities and taking the rest in stride.

Material Title: **Sibling Confusion: Were You, Are You, Will You Be My Sister/Brother? (Audiotape)**
 Author: Audiotape *Audiotapes* 2002 76 minutes

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Material Title: **Siblings in Adoption and Foster Care: Traumatic Separations and Honored Connections**

Author: Deborah N. Silverstein and Susan Livingston Smith *Books* 2008

Contributors address not only the importance of nurturing sibling bonds and mental health strategies to support those relationships, but also the legal rights of siblings to be together, as well as issues in international adoptions. Emerging and standing programs to encourage and facilitate adoptions that keep siblings together are featured, as are programs that at least enable them to stay in contact. "Theory and research, practice guidelines, and stories, are all explored." The contributing authors include educators, clinicians, researchers, practitioners, psychologists, and youth.

Material Title: **Siblings in Late Permanent Placements**

Author: Alan Rushton *Books* 2001 164 pages

This publication from British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering (BAAF), intended for practitioners and researchers in the fields of both social work and children's mental health care, looks at issues surrounding permanent placement of children who have siblings. The research study follows a sample of 133 children placed with 72 new families in middle childhood in the UK and explores the patterns of separation and reunion and compares the outcomes for jointly and singly placed children.

Material Title: **Siblings Without Rivalry**

Author: Adele Faber *Books* 2012 240 pages

Drawing on their own experience, the authors have developed simple yet astonishingly effective ways to reduce conflict and generate goodwill between siblings. Each skill is illustrated by the thoughts and stories of real parents. Unprecedented insights into sibling relationships show how we can incorporate these ideas into our everyday lives.

Material Title: **Siblings: Always and Forever (Audiotape)**

Author: Audiotape *Audiotapes* 2002

Hundreds of sibling groups are placed yearly across the country. In many cases siblings are separated. This workshop focuses on the continued contact of a sibling group of three children placed in two separate homes. It explores the creativity of families who have joined in the best interest of their children.

Material Title: **Welcoming a New Brother or Sister Through Adoption**

Author: Arleta James *Books* 2013 338 pages

Welcoming a New Brother or Sister through Adoption is a comprehensive yet accessible guide that describes the adoption process and the impact of adoption on every member of the family, including the adopted child. It prepares families to have realistic expectations and equips them with knowledge to deal with a host of situations that may arise, addressing difficult questions head-on.