

Concept Bags

Our collection of concept bags cover a variety of social and developmental topics. The books inside often include both fictional stories and nonfiction titles about the topic.

These concept bags are all housed in the clear and blue backpacks. They can be found either in the Parenting & Education Collection or in the children's collection.

Topics covered include:

- Classic Board Books
- Bedtime Board Books
- Books in Braille
- Adoption
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Board Book Classics

This bag is a collection of classic board books, for our youngest readers.

1. The Snowy Day **By Ezra Jack Keats**
2. The Very Hungry Caterpillar **By Eric Carle**
3. The Little Engine That Could **Based on the story by Watty Piper**
4. The Tale of Peter Rabbit **Based on the story by Beatrix Potter**
5. I Spy Little Book **By Jean Marzollo**
6. The Mitten **By Jan Brett**



Bedtime Board Books

This bag is a collection of board books about bedtime, for our youngest readers.

1. Good Night, Gorilla By Peggy Rathman
2. If Animals Kissed Goodnight By Ann Whitford Paul
3. Little Quack's Bedtime By Lauren Thompson
4. Goodnight Max By Rosemary Wells
5. The Goodnight Train By June Sobel



Books in Braille

This bag is a collection of books written in braille.

1. That's Not MY Bear **By Suzette Wright**
2. Thingamajig **By Suzette Wright**
3. Jennifer's Messes **By Suzette Wright**
4. The Longest Noodle **By Suzette Wright**
5. The Cabin Faced West **By Jean Fritz**



Adoption

This concept bag focuses on adoption.

1. All About Adoption **By Marc A. Nemiroff**
2. A Mother for Choco **By Keiko Kasza**
3. Jin Woo **By Eve Bunting**
4. Over the Moon: An Adoption Tale **By Karen Katz**
5. Rosie's Family: An Adoption Story **By Lori Rosove**
6. Let's Talk About Adoption **By Diana Star Helmer**
7. Adoption is for Always **By Linda Walvoord Girard**
8. My Adopted Child, There's No One Like You **By Kevin Leman II**
9. You Were Always in My Heart **By Mary Beth & Steven Curtis Chapman**
10. Happy Adoption Day! **By John McCutcheon**



Afraid of the Dark

This concept bag focuses on a common childhood fear: the fear of the dark.

1. Ben Over Night **By Sarah Ellis**
2. Little Rabbit Goes to Sleep **By Tony Johnston**
3. Nothing Happened **By Billy Harley**
4. Jitterbug Jam **By Barbara Hicks**
5. Tiger Can't Sleep **By S.J. Fore**
6. The Dark **By Lemony Snicket**



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Allergies

This concept bag focuses on coping with allergies, with a focus on common food allergies.

1. Food Allergies and Me: A Children's Story **By Juniper Skinner**
2. The Bugabees: Friends with Food Allergies **By Amy Recob**
3. The Princess and the Peanut Allergy **By Wendy McClure**
4. The Peanut Free Café **By Gloria Koster**
5. Cody the Allergic Cow: A Children's Story of Milk Allergies **By Nicole Smith**



Autism Spectrum

This concept bag focuses on children on the autism spectrum. The stories are told from the point of view of family members, as well as the children themselves.

1. Why Does it Have to Rain? **By S.D.R.**
2. Playing by the Rules **By Dena Fox Luchsinger**
3. Ian's Walk **By Laurie Lears**
4. Waiting for Benjamin **By Alexandra Jessup Altman**
5. My Brother Charlie **By Holly Robinson Peete & Ryan Elizabeth Peete**
6. Understanding Sam and Asperger Syndrome **By Clarabelle van Niekerk & Liezl Venter, MA CCC-SLP**
7. All Cats Have Asperger Syndrome **By Kathy Hoopmann**



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Bullies & Bullying

This concept bag focuses on coping with bullies and bullying, as well as teasing.

1. The Berenstain Bears and Too Much Teasing **By Stan and Jan Berenstain**
2. The Berenstain Bears and the Bully **By Stan and Jan Berenstain**
3. Teasing **By Joy Berry**
4. Being Bullied **By Joy Berry**
5. Red **By Jan De Kinder**
6. Stay Away from Rat Boy **By Laurie Lears**
7. Ben Rides On **By Matt Davies**



Death of a Loved One

This concept bag focuses on how to cope with the death of a loved one, like a friend or family member.

1. The Fall of Freddie the Leaf **By Leo Buscaglia**
2. One More Wednesday **By Malika Doray**
3. Where do People Go When They Die? **By Mindy Avra Portnoy**
4. When Dinosaurs Die **By Laurie Krasny Brown & Marc Brown**
5. Wishes for One More Day **By Melanie Joy Pastor**
6. Remembering Grandpa **By Uma Krishnaswami**
7. The Goodbye Book **By Todd Parr**
8. Death is Stupid **By Anastasia Higginbotham**



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Death of a Pet

This concept bag focuses on how to cope with the death of a beloved pet.

1. The Berenstain Bears Lose a Friend **By Stan & Jan Berenstain**
2. I'll Always Love You **By Hans Wilhelm**
3. When a Pet Dies **By Fred Rogers**
4. Coyote **By Lee Harper**
5. A Dog Like Jack **By Dyanne DiSalvo-Ryan**
6. Harry & Hopper **By Margaret Wild**
7. Toby **By Margaret Wild**



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Dentist

This concept bag is about going to the dentist.

1. ABC Dentist **By Harriet Ziefert**
2. Joey Goes to the Dentist **By Candace Vittorini**
3. Open Wide: Tooth School Inside **By Laurie Keller**
4. Going to the Dentist **By Laurie Mortensen**
5. The Berenstain Bears Visit the Dentist **By Stan and Jan Berenstain**
6. Those Icky Sticky Smelly Cavity-Causing but Invisible Germs **By Judith Anne Rice**



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Disability & Special Needs

This concept bag focuses on growing up with a disability. The stories are told from the point of view of family members, as well as the children themselves.

1. Views from Our Shoes **By Donald Meyer, editor**
2. In Jesse's Shoes **By Laura Nikiel**
3. Princess Pooh **By Kathleen M. Muldoon**
4. Don't Call Me Special **By Pat Thomas**
5. Just Because **By Rebecca Elliot**
6. We'll Paint the Octopus Red **By Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen**
7. Veronica's First Year **By Jean Sasso Rheingrover**



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Divorce

This concept bag focuses on coping with divorce

1. The Days of Summer **By Eve Bunting**
2. Mama and Daddy Bear's Divorce **By Cornelia Maude Spelman**
3. On the Day His Daddy Left **By Eric J. Adams**
4. Mom and Dad Don't Live Together Anymore **By Kathy Stinson**
5. When Mom and Dad Divorce **By Emily Menendez-Aponte**
6. Dinosaurs Divorce **By Laurene Krasny Brown and Marc Brown**
7. I Live in Two Homes **By Sheila Stewart and Rae Simons**



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Eyeglasses

This concept bag focuses on children that need to wear glasses.

1. Agapanthus Hum and the Eyeglasses **By Joy Cowley**
2. Blue's Clues: Magenta Gets Glasses! **By Deborah Reber**
3. Bumposaurus **By Penny McKinlay**
4. Dogs Don't Wear Glasses **By Adrienne Geoghegan**
5. Glasses For D.W. **By Marc Brown**
6. Little Hippo Gets Glasses **By Maryann Macdonald**



Fears

This concept bag focuses on some common childhood fears and how to handle those fears.

1. Courage **By Bernard Waber**
2. A Not Scary Story about Big Scary Things **By C.K. Williams**
3. Franklin and the Thunderstorm **By Paulette Bourgeois**
4. Leopold **By Dr. Ruth K. Westheimer**
5. Not Afraid of Dogs **By Susanna Pitzer**
6. Edward in Deep Water **By Rosemary Wells**



Hospital

This concept bag focuses on going to the hospital, and some common conditions that cause childhood hospitalization.

1. Dakota's Mom Goes to the Hospital **By Brenda Beran**
2. Dr. White **By Jane Goodall**
3. Good-bye Tonsils **By Annie Thiel**
4. Going to the Hospital **By Fred Rogers**
5. Jenny's in the Hospital **By Seymour Reit**
6. Tubes in My Ears: My Trip to the Hospital **By Virginia Dooley**



Illness

This concept bag focuses on common childhood illnesses.

1. The Little Elephant with the Big Earache **By Charlotte Cowan, MD**
2. Peeper has a Fever **By Charlotte Cowan, MD**
3. Katie Caught a Cold **By Charlotte Cowan, MD**
4. Caillou is Sick **By Roger Harvey**
5. Those Mean Nasty Dirty Downright Disgusting but...Invisible Germs **By Judith Anne Rice**
6. Lions aren't Scared of Shots **By Howard J. Bennett**
7. Dakota's Mom Goes to the Hospital **By Anne Thiel, PhD**



Moving

This concept bag focuses on how to cope with moving to a new place.

1. Alexander, Who's Not (Do You Hear Me? I Mean It!)
Going to Move **By Judith Viorst**
2. Augustine **By Melanie Watt**
3. Big Ernie's New Home **By Teresa and Whitney Martin**
4. My Best Friend Moved Away **By Nancy Carlson**
5. Ira Says Goodbye **By Bernard Waber**
6. The Berenstain Bears' Moving Day **By Stan & Jan Berenstain**



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New Baby

This concept bag focuses on welcoming a new sibling to the family.

1. When You Were Inside Mommy **By Joanna Cole**
2. The New Baby **By Mercer Mayer**
3. The Berenstain Bears and Baby Makes Five **By Jan & Stan Berenstain**
4. Babies Don't Eat Pizza **By Dianne Danzig**
5. I Used to be the Baby **By Robin Ballard**
6. Once Upon a Baby Brother **By Sarah Sullivan**
7. Hi New Baby! **By Robie H. Harris**



Nutrition & Wellness

This concept bag focuses on nutrition and wellness.

1. Squeaky Clean **By Kara McMahon**
2. Elmo's Breakfast Bingo **By Abigail Tabby**
3. Grover's Guide to Good Eating **By Naomi Kleinberg**
4. Dinosaurs Alive and Well **By Laurie Krasny Brown & Marc Brown**
5. Pudgy the Puppy Gets Moving **By Susan McKain & Sandy Swann**
6. The Berenstain Bears and Too Much Junk Food **By Jan & Stan Berenstain**
7. My Dog Jack is Fat **By Eve Bunting**
8. Get Up and Go! **By Nancy Carlson**
9. Portion Plate & Four Card Set **By ChooseMyPlate.Gov**
10. Five Card Activity Set
11. Children & Nature Infographic **By the National Environmental Education Foundation**



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Potty Training

This concept bag focuses on potty training.

1. On Top of the Potty **By Alan Katz**
2. Dinosaur vs. The Potty **By Bob Shea**
3. Have You Seen My Potty **By Mij Kelly**
4. P is for Potty! My Potty ABCs **by Paskwa Mutunga**
5. Potty Animals: What to Know When You've Gotta Go
By Hope Vestergaard
6. You Can Go to the Potty **by William Sears, MD, Martha Sears, RN, & Christie Watts Kelly**
7. Potty Time **by Guido Van Genechten**



Potty Training for Boys

This concept bag focuses on potty training, with a focus on boys.

1. The Potty Book for Boys **By Alyssa Satin Capucilli**
2. Potty **By Leslie Patricelli**
3. Boys' Potty Time **By Dawn Sirett**
4. Big Boys Go Potty **By Marianne Richmond**
5. Pee Happy Minute Help Guides
6. Once Upon a Potty: Boy **By Alona Frankel**
7. Elmo's Potty Time **DVD**



Potty Training for Girls

This concept bag focuses on potty training, with a focus on girls.

1. Princess Potty Time by Sue DiCicco

2. The Potty Book for Girls By Alyssa Satin Capucilli

3. Potty By Leslie Patricelli

4. P Is for Potty! By Lena Cooper

5. Girls' Noisy Potty Book By Sarah Davis

6. Potty Time By Fiona Watt

7. Big Girls Go Potty By Marianne Richmond

8. Elmo's Potty Time—DVD



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Strangers

This concept bag focuses on safety around strangers.

1. The Berenstain Bears Learn About Strangers **By Stan and Jan Berenstain**

2. Once Upon A Dragon: Stranger Safety for Kids (and Dragons) **By Jean Pendziwol**

3. Not Everyone is Nice **By Frederick Alimonti**

4. Don't Talk to Strangers, Pooh! **By Kathleen W. Zoehfeld**

5. Say No and Go: Stranger Safety **By Jill Urban Donahue**



Tantrums

This concept bag focuses handling and overcoming tantrums.

1. When Sophia Gets Angry—Really, Really Angry **by Molly Bang**
2. Sometimes I'm Bombaloo **By Rachel Vail**
3. No Fits, Nilson! **By Zachariah O'Hora**
4. Finn Throws a Fit! **By David Elliot**
5. Mouse was Mad **By Linda Urban**
6. Sourpuss and Sweetie Pie **By Norton Juster**



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