

Resources for Talking with Children about Donor Conception

NAME & AUTHOR	AUTHOR	NOTES/COMMENTS	WHERE TO BUY
Hope & Will Have a Baby: The Gift of Egg Donation	Irene Celcer	Different versions of this book are available to fit various situations: donor egg, donor sperm, embryo donation, surrogacy, etc.	www.hopeandwill.com www.amazon.com
Before You Were Born: Our Wish For a Baby	by Janice Grimes	Different versions of this book are available to fit various situations: donor egg, donor sperm, frozen embryo, donor embryo, gestational carrier, etc.	www.xyandme.com www.amazon.com
A Part was Given and an Angel was Born	Rozanne Nathalie	Different versions of this book are available to fit various situations: ivf, donor egg, surrogacy, adoption.	www.tellyourchild.com www.amazon.com
A tiny itsy bitsy Gift of Life: An egg donor story	Carmen Martinez Jover	Written for very young children, the story is about bunnies who have trouble having a baby and the conception and donor piece are described in very general, non-specific terms.	www.carmenmartinezjover.com www.amazon.com
Recipes of How Babies are Made	Carmen Martinez Jover	Explains the variety of ways babies can be created.	www.carmenmartinezjover.com www.amazon.com
Sometimes it takes three to make a baby: Explaining egg donor conception to young children	Kate Bourne	Refers to using a donor egg as a way to “start” a baby, which is a very nice way of phrasing things.	Melbourne IVF www.mivf.com.au
My Beginnings: A Very Special Story (book and interactive CD-Rom)	Tim Appleton	This book is cleverly designed with an insertable page for each of eight possible scenarios (donor egg, donor sperm, donor embryo, etc). You select the appropriate page for your situation and paste it into the story in the designated section.	www.mybeginnings.org
Butterflies & Magical Wings	Amy Margolis	While this book is well-intentioned, it’s extremely wordy and convoluted as it tries to tell the story of butterflies who can’t have a baby without a donor.	www.amazon.com
The Oldest Mother on the Block (DVD)	Cat Ashworth	Award-winning documentary film on donor conception	www.oldestmotherontheblock.com
Telling and Talking about Donor Conception (DVD)	Liesel Evans	There are a number of booklets that accompany this film which are designed for children at different ages.	Donor Conception Network www.dcnetwork.org