

of Big Feelings

## What is The Little Library of Big Feelings?

The Little Library of Big Feelings is a small collection of books about feelings, specifically **aimed at babies and children under the age of five**. Brought together by specialists, this book collection aims to help parents and carers to help their young children learn, name, identify, and manage their feelings as well as helping them to identify other people's feelings.

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Why is it important for babies and young children to learn and talk about feelings?

We all have feelings - big and small. Young children in particular often have big feelings, and we know how quickly these feelings can become overwhelming. Making sense of these feelings and working out what to do in order to feel better, helps little ones to grow into happy and emotionally healthy children (and adults!). How does reading help children learn about emotions?

**Reading about feelings** with your child is a great way to help them manage big emotions. Books can help children to **identify** what they are feeling, to give them the words to **name** these feelings, and then show them what to do to **manage** these feelings. Learning what to do when you feel sad, angry or worried is a great way to give your child the best start in life. Where can I find these books?

NHS

The Little Library of Big Feelings can be found in many **Child and Family Centres** and GP surgeries across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

You can also find most of these books in your local library. Use your search engine online to find:

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## My First Feelings

Feelings by Baby Touch

Read along with your little one and explore all kinds of emotions - and look out for a mirror surprise at the end!





How Does Baby Feel? by Karen Katz

There are so many feelings that Baby can have! Little ones can lift the flaps to find Baby experiencing a range of emotions.



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The Crayons' Book of Feelings by Drew Daywalt

Everyone knows the crayons love to colour, but did you know that crayons have feelings too? Sometimes they are happy and sometimes they feel downright blue.

#### Making Faces: A First Book of Emotions by Abrams Appleseed

This bold, beautiful board book introduces five essential expressions: happy, sad, angry, surprised, and silly.



These books are great for babies!



## What are feelings?



### How am I Feeling? by DK

The characters Happiness, Anger, Sadness, and Pride are here to teach your little ones how to recognise emotions and name their feelings. **Tiger Days: A Book of Feelings** by M H Clark

From tiger fierce to snail slow, there are lots of ways to feel and be. A walk through the menagerie of Tiger Days helps young readers see all the feelings they have and the ways those feelings change.





### **My First Emotions** by Diane Alber

This colourful book is a perfect fit for little hands and young readers. Identifying the feelings we encounter every day is the first step towards learning healthy ways to express these feelings.



### My First Book of Emotions for Toddlers

by Orlena Kerek

This engaging picture book introduces tiny tots to common emotions by explaining what they are, how they feel in the body, and how to manage them in positive ways.



# Responding to big feelings



# **The Rabbit Listened** by Cori Doerrfeld

When something bad happens, Taylor doesn't know where to turn. All the animals are sure they have the answer. One by one, they try to tell Taylor what to do and how to feel. one by one they fail. Then the rabbit arrives. The rabbit listens – and this is just what Taylor needs.

#### **I'm a Feel-o-saur** by Lezlie Evans

Emotions are inside us all. Some are big and some are small. So many moods we all go through . What kind of FEEL-O-SAUR are you? Whatever mood you're in today, all feelings are OK!



## **Tisha and the Blossom** by Wendy Meddour

We all have busy lives and little Tisha and her family are no exception. Tisha must 'hurry up' . But hurrying up all the time can be exhausting. Thankfully, Tisha's Mummy knows a special game to help them all slow down when everything becomes too much.

# **Find Your Happy** by Emily Coxhead

Feeling happy is a wonderful thing! But do you ever feel sad or angry, frightened or shy? Everyone does sometimes, but with a little help from Sloth and the people you love, there is always a way to FIND YOUR HAPPY!





## **Happiness and love**

### The Jar of Happiness

by Ailsa Burrows

Is there a recipe for happiness? Meg certainly thinks so. She collects all the necessary ingredients in a jar, which she uses to cheer up her friends and family when they're feeling low. But what happens when her special jar mysteriously disappears? Will Meg feel sad forever more, or will she find other ways to be happy?



Why do I feel happy today?



### **Love** by Emma Dodd

This book explores the loving relationship between parents and their babies. Join little rabbit and his mummy as they spend a glorious day together in the meadow. Little rabbit finds love everywhere, but knows that a mummy's love is always the best love of all.



### **I Feel Happy** by DK

Happy teaches small children that the feeling is sometimes loud, and other times it is calm, like having a quiet cuddle. This brightly illustrated board book is a gentle and simple introduction to sometimes overwhelming emotions.



# **Love Makes a Family** by Sophie Beer

Whether you have two mums, two dads, one parent, or one of each, there's one thing that makes a family a family and that's LOVE.

## Worry and fear



**Ruby's Worry** by Tom Percival

Ruby loves being Ruby. Until, one day, she finds a worry. At first it's not such a big worry, and that's all right, but then it starts to grow. It gets bigger and bigger every day and it makes Ruby sad. How can Ruby get rid of it and feel like herself again? I Feel Scared

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### **I Feel Scared** by DK

Follow the story of the scared little ghost who tries to understand its fears and find ways to make them go away. The vibrant picture book teaches children what fear is, how it feels, and how to manage this unpleasant emotion.



**Be Brave Little Penguin** by Giles Andreae

Little Penguin Pip-Pip would love to join in with all his friends swimming in the sea, but there's just one problem he's scared of water. Can Pip-Pip overcome his fears and finally take the plunge? Sometimes all it takes is a little bit of encouragement - and a whole lot of heart - to finally make that leap!



**Sometimes I am Worried** by Campbell Books

Young children can lift the flaps, slide the tabs and turn the wheel to explore what a worry is, why they might worry and how they can stop their worries from becoming too big.



### Sadness

#### When I am Sad by Campbell Books



When I am Sad helps young children to start managing their emotions. They can lift the flaps, slide the tabs and turn the wheel to explore why they feel sad and how to move on from these emotions.



#### **I Feel Sad** by DK

This adorable book explains why children might get sad, such as a friend going away or a broken toy. It tells us how sadness affects the body, like when we cry. The book also includes ways to cheer yourself up again, so kids can practise whenever something upsets them.



# When Sadness Comes to Call by Eva Eland

When Sadness arrives, try not to be afraid: give it a name, listen to it and spend some time together. Maybe all it wants is to know that it's welcome.







by Romy Fursland and Jacqueline East

Something happens to make Robbie the rabbit feel sad. What will he do? This engaging story is designed to be read by parents to their children. It shows how sadness looks and feels in terms of Robbie's facial expression, his physical sensations, and what he does. It also shows what makes him feel better.

## Anger

**Robbie Feels Angry** by Romy Fursland and Jacqueline East

Something happens to make Robbie the rabbit feel angry. What will he do? This engaging story shows how anger looks and feels in terms of Robbie's facial expression, his physical sensations, and what he does. It also shows what makes him feel better.

#### Fergal is Fuming! by Robert Sterling

A dragon with a short temper is not a good combination, as Fergal's family and friends soon find out. He burns the dinner (literally), reduces the football goal to ashes and absolutely cannot play a nice, quiet board game. It is only when he starts to notice other animals have clever tricks to calm down that Fergal begins to win back his friends.



### **Tiny Tantrum** by Caroline Crowe

When Tiny has a TANTRUM you can hear it for miles! Windows rattle, jelly quakes and birds fall out of trees. Can anyone persuade Tiny to eat her vegetables, share her toys and brush her teeth? How about a band of hairy monsters?

**Sometimes I am Angry** by Campbell Books

Sometimes I am Angry helps young children to start managing their emotions. They can lift the flaps, slide the tabs and turn the wheel to explore what anger is, why they might get angry and how they can calm their anger.



