My Mom Has Hepatitis C
**Synopsis**

How do you explain to a 10-year-old why his mother can't play with him like she used to? What can you say to make a 6-year-old understand why her mother goes to the doctor so often? With over 4 million Americans infected with hepatitis C, a large number are parents who ask themselves these questions everyday. Now the bestselling authors of Living With Hepatitis C: A Survivor’s Guide have joined forces with an early childhood specialist to answer these questions in a new book entitled My Mom Has Hepatitis C. An easy to understand story filled with 25 beautiful watercolor drawings, this book is the perfect way for parents and children to share information and feelings. My Mom Has Hepatitis C centers around Mom’s discovery that she has the hepatitis C virus, how she tells her son and daughter, their trips to the doctor and Mom's treatments. It ends when Mom finally goes into remission. The book also includes a straightforward and simple glossary of terms along with a list of recommended readings.

**Book Information**

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**Customer Reviews**

Hedy Weinberg, Shira Shump, and Dr. Everson have done a wonderful job with a very difficult subject to address with children. I think this book is a wonderful and much needed resource for helping adults explain hepatitis C in terms that children can understand. Carole W. Williams, RN, MN, Neighborhood Nurse Clinical Content Coordinator.
When an adult gets Hepatitis C, the symptoms are often vague. Tiredness, irritability, and mood changes are more difficult to explain than something concrete and visible like a broken leg. Sometimes the treatments make the parent more depressed. In the absence of good understanding, the child may blame herself or her parent. This book describes a young girl whose mother has Hepatitis C. The story is clear and straightforward. It does a good job of explaining the illness and showing that the mother loves her child even when she is feeling ill. However, the plot is fairly plain, and the characters do not come alive. I have recommended this book to mothers and fathers who are dealing with hepatitis C.

This book did something that no book about hepatitis C did before - it talked about it in a way that made it understandable for children. This beautifully illustrated and well written book is a must-have for anyone needing to explain hepatitis C to children. This book may be particularly useful for those who are plagued by hepatitis C symptoms or treatment side effects.

It is a great book. Touching, real, and affirmative.

Great book. I didn’t give it five stars though because it was not as good as ‘mommy has an STD’ or ‘Daddy got crabs from Mrs. Jones’.

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