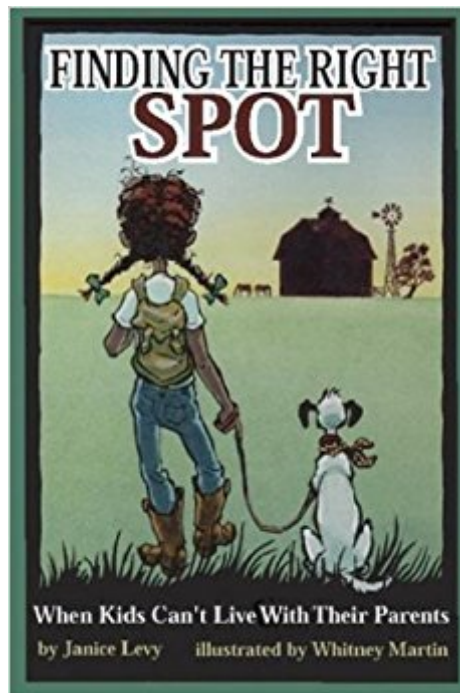




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# Finding The Right Spot: When Kids Can't Live With Their Parents



## Synopsis

This story is narrated by a spirited young girl who is living with her Aunt Dane (not her real aunt) for a while, until her mother is able to care for her again. She experiences the emotional ups and downs of living in an unfamiliar home and being separated from her mother.

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## Customer Reviews

As a kinship placement/soon to be adoptive parent for a child in care whose mother's rights have been terminated, which has also resulted in separation from her step and biological siblings, I was looking for a book to help my niece make progress in her therapy, which has stalled due to her resistance to talk about her feelings or time period immediately before being removed from her home and her time in a non relative foster home (prior to placement with me). She started reading the book on her own (she's almost 7, but reading several grade levels ahead and prefers to read independently), stopping a couple times to share details with me as she identified with the character and was excited about the parallels she saw. As soon as the character expressed feelings of anger towards her mother, my niece shut down (as she does in therapy) and didn't want to read further. We later decided to read the book together, with me reading aloud. Though still resistant to any "bad" feelings, my niece clearly identified with the story and the character. It wasn't a magic solution, but one of a number of strategies that are helping my niece to normalize her feelings about

the circumstances leading to her placement in foster care, and express/process them. Since we read it aloud together, I've seen my niece with the book a handful of times and keep finding it around the house. She seems to be reading excerpts... I've not seen her with it long enough for a complete read in one sitting, and it's definitely not a book she seeks out at bedtime (I rarely see the book in her room). I would recommend this book in conjunction with a supportive adult on hand for at least the first reading and preferably, an appointment in the very near future with a good therapist familiar with child trauma & separation issues.

My 5 year old foster daughter really likes this book. It's just a story, not a lesson, but it includes elements that are unique to kids in foster care (mom promises specific things and doesn't follow thru, like showing up for a birthday) so can relate. It's a story about a regular kid in challenging circumstances just trying to be a regular kid.

We have a family member's child in our care and this was exactly what we've been looking for. She can see that she is not alone and her feelings are real and okay. She reads this book a lot and talks about it with her therapist on a regular basis. We all recommend it for any child (or family) going through a forced separation from their parents, whether short or long term, or unknown length of time.

Foster Care needs to be discussed with children because it is part of our complex society. This girl and her dog are wonderful and strong.

Good book use it at school for guidance.

I anticipated a book that would capture the attention of elementary-age children who had been through traumatic situations-- this book did not accomplish that goal. Many of the concepts were good, however the book was not easy for my clients to follow. I was looking for a book that would also apply to children in homes of relatives not just in foster care. I was disappointed. A certified trauma consultant/licensed social worker.

This is an exceptional book for kids in foster care. It is good for children in the elementary school years.

One of the best in its genre.

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