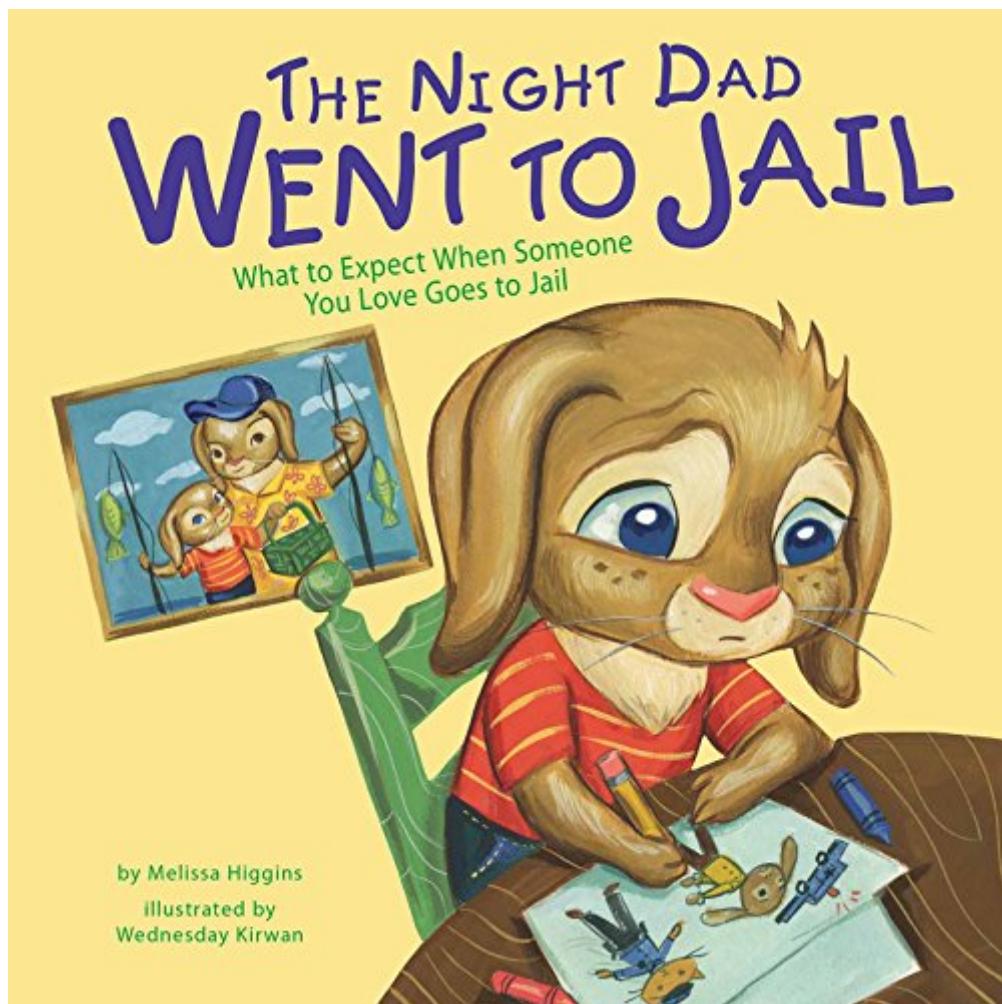


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# The Night Dad Went To Jail (Life's Challenges)



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## **Synopsis**

When someone you love goes to jail, you might feel lost, scared, and even mad. What do you do? No matter who your loved one is, this story can help you through the tough times.

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Through its Picture Window Books imprint, Capstone has published four books in its Life's Challenges Series, covering topics that are difficult to discuss with children. This particular title is one you hope you never need to share with a child. But the harsh reality is that in 2010, 2.7 million children in the US had a parent who was incarcerated - that's 3.6% of all children in the US. And those numbers are on the rise. This is the story of a young boy (dog) who loves to draw so much that his dad nicknames him, "Sketch". One night while Sketch and his siblings are at their dad's apartment, the police come to arrest the father, and a social worker (cat) comes to speak to the children until their mom picks them up. Poor Sketch gets ridiculed at school when classmates learn of his dad's arrest. We learn about the emotional toll this plays on Sketch and how the adults in this young boy's life help him get through this tough time. Guidance and Mentoring In the story, Sketch learns from the adults in his life that he has done nothing wrong, and it is perfectly normal to be

scared, angry and even embarrassed about his dad being in jail. He even gets to visit him in jail and later at the prison where his dad is serving a six-year sentence. Sketch gets matched with a male mentor, and he even meets other children who have a mom or dad in prison. What is most wonderful about *The Night Dad Went to Jail*, is that young readers going through this traumatic experience in their own lives will be able to fully relate to the main character. Author Melissa Higgins manages to tell the story without sugar-coating the negative situation, yet also without scaring the reader.

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