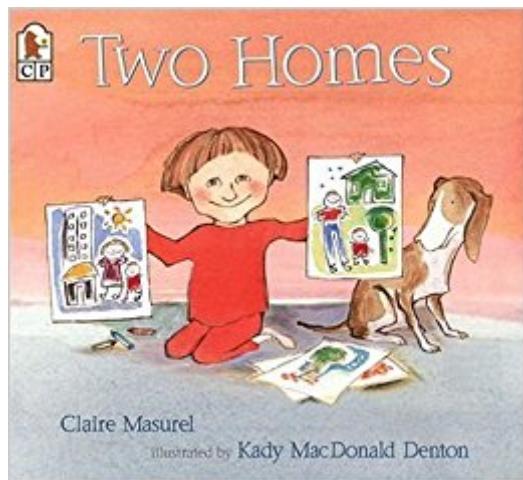


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## Two Homes



## Synopsis

"Parents looking for a book about separation or divorce will find few offerings as positive, matter-of-fact, or child-centered as this one. . . . Simple, yet profoundly satisfying. - BOOKLIST (starred review)At Mommy's house, Alex has a soft chair. At Daddy's house, Alex has a rocking chair. In each home, Alex also has a special bedroom and lots of friends to play with. But whether Alex is with Mommy or with Daddy, one thing always stays the same - Alex is loved. The gently reassuring text focuses on what is gained rather than what is lost when parents divorce, while the sensitive illustrations, depicting two unique homes in all their small details, firmly establish Alex's place in both of them. TWO HOMES will help children - and parents - embrace even the most difficult of changes with an open and optimistic heart.

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## Customer Reviews

reS-Gr 1-Young Alex's parents are divorced, and he spends time with each of them. He has two rooms, two favorite chairs, two sets of friends, two of everything. He loves both of them no matter where he is, and they love him, no matter where they are. The ink, watercolor, and gouache illustrations are comforting and warm. There is no sign of the child missing one parent when he is with the other or questioning his situation, and he seems quite well adjusted. This book is clearly

intended to help parents tell their children that they are still loved despite their living arrangements. For a different view of how children may feel about sharing two homes, look to Judith Caseley's *Priscilla Twice* (Greenwillow, 1995). Holly Belli, Bergen County Cooperative Library System, West Caldwell, NJCopyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

\*Starred Review\* Ages 2-5. Young Alex introduces himself and his parents, then announces that he has two homes: sometimes he lives with Daddy (in a suburban house) and sometimes with Mommy (in a city apartment). The discussion of his two homes sets up the book's comfortable dual structure: "I have two rooms. My room at Daddy's. My room at Mommy's . . . I have two bathrooms. I have a toothbrush at Daddy's. I have a toothbrush at Mommy's." Each spread includes complementary pictures that show the boy engaged in similar activities at both locales. The ending affirms that his parents love Alex, no matter where he is and no matter where they are. Within the ink, watercolor, and gouache illustrations are delightful reproductions of Alex's own paintings. Other scenes, warm with luminous washes against white backgrounds, celebrate the everyday details of Alex's life. Parents looking for a book about separation or divorce will find few offerings as positive, matter-of-fact, or child-centered as this one. With a sure sense of audience, Masurel concentrates on the physical and emotional fundamentals that matter to children while deftly sidestepping the adult-oriented swamp of explanation and supposition. Enhanced by Denton's sensitively drawn portrayals of the characters within well-imagined scenes of domestic life, this picture book will validate the experience of other two-household children while intriguing those in single-home families. Simple, yet profoundly satisfying. Carolyn PhelanCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Quick delivery. It's very basic and unbiased. Which I love. I also love the simplicity that both parents love Alex no matter where he is. This is great for my (step)daughter who spends time with her mom in her mom's apartment (Like Alex!) and time with her dad in his house (Like Alex!) and loves both her parents and are loved by both parents (Like Alex!) I only wish there were more books out there, unbiasedly comforting children from two homes. It's never "normal" for children with two families, but we can make it easier on them by reminding them they are loved which this book does so well.

This book was so helpful for my 5 and 3 year olds in my husband and I's separation. They really responded well to it and ask to read it frequently. I can not recommend this book highly enough for

family's in a confusing situation that is difficult to explain to little hearts.

I bought this for my son. Obviously he is from a divorced family. This book is great he's only 2 right now so I'm sure he doesn't fully understand what I am reading to him. But I love it I will definitely be buying more books in this line. It's a simple read but he enjoys the pictures!

This book was very helpful for my four year old. It was positive and simple. One slight downside is that it is very simple. There really isn't a storyline, but nonetheless it provided the sense that this happens to other children and can be positive and normal. I think younger children and slightly older might appreciate it to. It might be good to supplement with other books that say more, especially for mature four year olds and for five and six year olds.

This is a perfect book for raising a child in two homes. I would have never chosen to raise my son in a broken home and a divorce was not my choice. My son struggles immensely with the back and forth. This book is great.

Wonderful book. We think this would be helpful with the current changes. Gorgeous illustrations too.

Very reassuring way to describe divorce and having a split family to children. Would recommend.

The book helps me talk to my son about having 2 homes and how things are different between the two. It is a helpful book and this book was new and in excellent condition.

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