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to identify with the protagonist.<sup>2</sup> of 2 people found the following review helpful. *Children of Divorce: Stories of Loss and Growth* By Virginia Tyler As a therapist, I believe that every couple and every single parent needs to read this book and examine what they are doing to help their children.

*Children of Divorce* features excerpts of stories collected from hundreds of young people. The narratives embrace such themes as despair, chaos in the family, and "missing" dads. The volume paints a picture of the pain, the hope, and the resiliency shown by young adults while in the throes of divorce and in the years to follow. These poignant narratives are framed by an analysis of the most recent divorce literature. The book clearly demonstrates the value of storytelling in helping people deal with major loss events in their lives. The authors' hope is that by examining these experiences, we will gain a greater understanding of the effects of divorce and ultimately strengthen relationships in the future. This book challenges the contention that most children will be irretrievably hurt by their parents' divorce. Presenting a mixture of young people's voices demonstrating the great variety of reactions to parental divorce, it shows the strength and resilience many of these young people have learned in surviving the pain surrounding divorce in their families. Emphasis is placed on how hope about the possibilities of having close relationships--as well as a willingness to try to have stronger families in their own adult lives--represent abiding motivations in this sample of young people. Providing an overarching theoretical emphasis on the value of storytelling for people dealing with major losses, the authors hope that this method of stressing the raw input of respondents will make the experiences more vivid and realistic to the reader.

The voices of the respondents in the book are poignant, emotional, and realistic...it will be respected by scholars and practitioners in the field, and it will be a useful tool...for university/college classrooms. Therapists/counselors could also recommend the book to children and parents going through the divorce process. Terri L. Orbuch, Ph.D. Oakland University and University of Michigan Institute for Social Research I have talked to hundreds, maybe thousands, of members of divorced families, and I have heard from them a diverse array of reactions, thoughts, and experiences, but rarely, if ever, have I seen them displayed quite so clearly in print. Lawrence Ganong, Ph.D. University of Missouri/Columbia This book provides a refreshingly different perspective and methodology. We learn how many college students feel about their parents' divorce in their own words, in rich detail, and expressed with all the nuances and complexities that characterize children's reactions to family disruption, loss, and reorganization.... It will make an important and lasting contribution to the field.... David Demo, Ph.D. University of North Carolina at Greensboro About the Author John Harvey is a Professor Emeritus of Psychology at the University of Iowa. He received his Ph.D. in Social Psychology from the University of Missouri/Columbia, USA. A Fellow of Division 8 of the American Psychological Association and recipient of the Distinguished Career Award and the New Contribution Award from the International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships in 2000, Dr. Harvey is the author or editor of over 30 books on close relationships. Mark Fine is a Professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at the University of Missouri/Columbia, USA. He received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the Ohio State University, USA. A licensed psychologist in both Missouri and Ohio, Dr. Fine is a Fellow of the National Council on Family Relations. He is currently an editorial board member of *Personal Relationships* and an Associate Editor of *Family Relations* and the *Journal of Marriage and the Family*.