

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Other Supportive Adults,

Clearly, if you are looking for books about puberty, you care about a young person in your life who is growing up. Good for you! You have a wonderful opportunity to help make puberty a positive experience for your young person, and probably for some of their friends as well. Thank you for making sure your young person has sources of reliable information, and a trusted adult to talk to about any questions or concerns they might have.

This list of books includes a wide variety of options. Some will be a good fit for your young person, and some will not. Please use this list as a guide and know that your young person will look to you to learn family values and spiritual values through conversations and modeling. No book can provide those.

Best wishes to you and your young person!

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The Puberty Lady

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Books Written for All Children:

- 100+ Questions Kids Have About Puberty by the Interrelate Team (2010, AU)
- Bloom Playbooks, Vols 1, 2, 3 by Bloom Science (2019)
- It's Perfectly Normal: Changing Bodies, Growing Up, Sex, and Sexual Health by Robie H. Harris & Michael Emberley (2021)
- Nonnie Talks about Gender by Mary Jo Podgurski (2014)
- Nonnie Talks about Puberty by Mary Jo Podgurski (2016)
- Sex Is a Funny Word: A Book About Bodies, Feelings, and You by Silverberg and Smyth (2015)
- Sex, Puberty, And All That Stuff: A Guide to Growing Up by Jacqui Bailey (2004)
- Tell Me About Sex, Grandma by Anastasia Higginbotham (2017)
- What's Happening to Me? An Illustrated Guide to Puberty by Peter Mayle (2000)
- Will Puberty Last My Whole Life by Julie Metzger & Robert Lehman (2018)
- You-ology, by M. Holmes, T. Hutchison, K. Lowe (2022)



Books Written for Younger Children:

- Bloom Playbooks, Vol 1 & 2 by Bloom Science (2019)
- Everybody, Every Body! By Emmalinda MacLean (2019)
- First Comes Love: All About the Birds and the Bees—and Alligators, Possums, and People, Too by Jennifer Davis (2001)
- Hair in Funny Places by Babette Cole (2001)
- It Feels Good to Be Yourself: A Book about Gender Identity by Theresa Thorn (2019)
- It's Not the Stork: A Book About Girls, Boys, Babies, Bodies, Families and Friends by Robie Harris (2008)
- It's So Amazing! by Robie Harris and Michael Emberley (2014)
- On Your Mark, Get Set, Grow! A What's Happening to My Body? Book for Younger Boys, by L. Madaras (2008)
- On Your Mark, Get Set, Grow! A What's Happening to My Body? Book for Younger Girls, by L. Madaras (2003)
- The Bare Naked Book by Kathy Stinson (2006)
- The Care & Keeping of You 1: The Body Book for Younger Girls by American Girl (2012)
- The Science of Babies: A little book for big questions about bodies, birth and families, by D. Roffman (2021)
- These are my eyes... by Lexx Brown-James (2018)
- What Makes a Baby: A gook for every kind of family and every kind of kid by Cory Silverberg (2012)
- What's the Big Secret? Talking about Sex with Girls and Boys by Brown and Brown (2000)
- Where Did I Come From? An Illustrated Children's Book on Human Sexuality by Peter Mayle (2000)
- Where do babies come from? Usborne (2016)
- Who Are You? The kid's guide to gender identity by Book Pessin-Whedbee (2017)
- Who Has What? All About Girls' Bodies and Boys' Bodies by Robie H. Harris (2011)
- Worm Loves Worm by J.J. Austrian (2016)
- You Were Born on Your Very First Birthday by Linda Walvoord Girard (1992)
- Your Whole Body: From Your Head to Your Toes, and Everything In Between! By Lizzie DeYoung Charbonneau (2022)

Books Written about Bodily Autonomy, Consent, Rights:

- An Exceptional Children's Guide to Touch: Teaching Social and Physical Boundaries to Kids by Hunter Manasco (2012)
- Body Boundaries Make Me Stronger, by Elizabeth Cole (2022)
- Consent for Kids! Boundaries, Respect, and Being in Charge of You by Rachel Brian (2020)
- Don't Hug Doug (He Doesn't Like It) by Carrie Finison (2021)
- My Social Justice Dictionary, by OkaySo (2022)
- We Listen to Our Bodies by Lydia Bowers (2021)



Books Written for Boys:

- Boy's Guide to Becoming A Teen (Getting Used To Life In Your Changing Body) by the American Medical Association (2006)
- Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Puberty—and Shouldn't Be Googling for Curious Boys by Morris Katz (2020)
- Growing Up Great! The Ultimate Puberty Book for Boys by Scott Todnem (2019)
- Guy Stuff: The Body Book for Boys by Dr. Cara Natterson (2017)
- My Body, My Self for Boys: Revised Edition by Lynn Madaras and Aria Madaras (2007)
- On Your Mark, Get Set, Grow! A "What's Happening to My Body?" Book for Younger Boys by Lynda Madaras (2008)
- The Body Book for Boys by Jonathon Mar and Grace Norwich (2010)
- The Boy's Body Book: Everything You Need to Know for Growing Up You! by Kelli Dunham (2015)
- Wait, What? A Comic Book Guide to Relationships, Bodies, and Growing Up by Heather Corinna and Isabella Rotman (2019)
- What's Going on Down There? Answers to Questions Boys Find Hard to Ask by Karen Gravelle (2017)
- What's Happening to My Body? Book For Boys by Lynda Madaras (2008)

Books Written for Girls:

- A Girl's Guide to Puberty & Periods by Marni Sommer, et al (2021)
- Celebrate Your Body (and Its Changes, Too!) by Sonya Renee Taylor (2018)
- Celebrate Your Body 2: A Body-Positive Guide for Girls 10+ by Lisa Klein and Carrie Leff (2019)
- Girl Stuff A Survival Guide to Growing Up by Margaret Blackstone and Elissa Haden Guest (2006)
- Girl to Girl: Honest Talk About Growing Up and Your Changing Body by Sarah O'Leary Burningham (2013)
- Girl's Guide to Becoming a Teen (Getting Used To Life In Your Changing Body) by the American Medical Association (2006)
- Girls Only! By Victoria Parker (2004, 2016 in U.K)
- Is This Normal? Girls' Questions, Answered by the Editors of the Care and Keeping of You, by Michelle Watkins (2009)
- My Body, My Self for Girls: Revised Edition by Lynn Madaras and Aria Madaras (2007)
- Puberty Girl by Shushann Movsessian (2005)
- Ready, Set, Grow! A "What's Happening to My Body?" Book for Younger Girls, by Lynda Madaras (2003)
- The Care & Keeping of You 2: The Body Book for Older Girls by American Girl (2012)
- The Feelings Book: The Care and Keeping of Your Emotions, by Dr. Lynda Madison (2013)
- The Girls' Guide to Sex Education: Over 100 Honest Answers to Urgent Questions about Puberty, Relationships, and Growing Up by Michelle Hope (2018)
- The Girl's Body Book: Everything You Need to Know for Growing Up You! by Kelli Dunham (2015)
- What's Happening to My Body? Book For Girls by Lynda Madaras (2007)



Books Written about Menstruation:

- Celebrate Your Period: The Ultimate Puberty Book for Preteen and Teen Girls by Amanda d'Almeida (2022)
- HelloFlo: The Guide, Period. by Naama Bloom (2017)
- Period. A Girl's Guide by JoAnn Loulan and Bonnie Worthen (2008)
- Reaching for the Moon by Lucy H. Pearce (2015)
- The Period Book: A Girl's Guide to Growing Up by Karen Gravelle (2017)
- The Autism-Friendly Guide to Periods by Robyn Steward (2019)
- Vaginas and Periods 101: A Pop-Up Book, by Christian Hoeger & Kristen Lilla (2019)
- We Need to Talk About Vaginas, by Dr. Allison K. Rodgers & Annika Le Large (2023)

Puberty Book Articles & Parent Resources:

- Books about Puberty by Common Sense Media https://www.commonsensemedia.org/lists/books-about-puberty
- The Best Books About Puberty for Girls by Family Education https://www.familyeducation.com/best-books-about-puberty-for-girls
- 7 Books on Puberty for Boys https://www.parents.com/kids/development/puberty/books-on-puberty-for-boys/
- 9 puberty books for boys http://www.todaysparent.com/family/family-health/puberty-books-for-boys/
- 9 puberty books for girls https://www.todaysparent.com/family/books/puberty-books-for-girls/
- 8 Mom-approved Gooks on Puberty That Kids Will Actually Like http://thestir.cafemom.com/tweens teens/166436/8 momapproved books on puberty
- "Puberty Help! Great Books to Help You with Questions and Challenges" by *Parenting Special Needs Magazine* https://www.parentingspecialneeds.org/article/puberty-help-books-help-questions/
- Book lists and book review videos by The Puberty Lady https://pubertycurriculum.com/puberty-books/
- Parent Resources from Puberty: The Wonder Years https://pubertycurriculum.com/parent-resources/

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