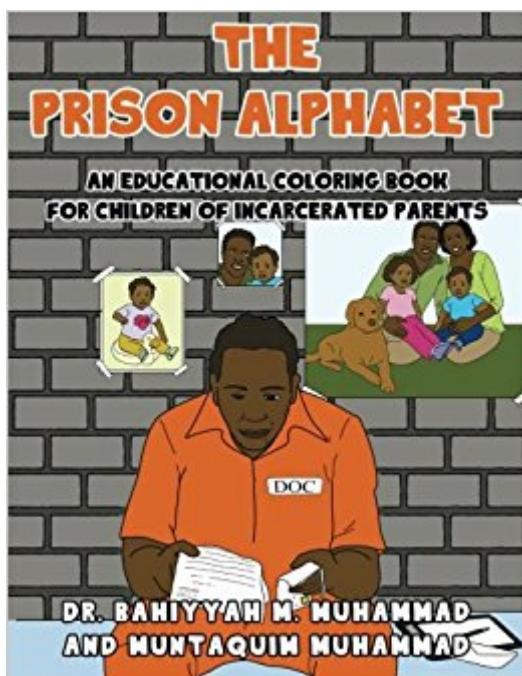


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The Prison Alphabet: An Educational Coloring Book For Children Of Incarcerated Parents (Project Iron Kids)



Synopsis

More than 2.7 million children in America have a parent in prison. When a parent is incarcerated it can be very difficult to explain that to a child. This unique coloring book was created to serve as a conversation starter between adults who plan to talk about parental incarceration with affected children. The Prison Alphabet allows each letter of the alphabet to serve as a topic of discussion. By using the letters of the alphabet, this book is a child-friendly approach to helping young children begin to understand what is going on behind bars with their parent or family member. The motivation for this coloring book emerged from Dr. Bahiyah M. Muhammadâ™s recognition that children with parents in prison have many questions about what prison life is like. During her extensive interviews with children of the incarcerated, children voiced their curiosity and concern about the daily lives of their loved ones. Specially developed books such as The Prison Alphabet can empower children to gain a better understanding of the experience of their loved ones behind bars, show children with parents in prison that they are not alone, and provide resources for caretakers to use to create opportunities to openly discuss the childâ™s feelings and help them cope with their parentsâ™ absence. The Prison Alphabet is divided into two sections: The first section is a coloring book and uses the letters of the alphabet, from A thru Z, to explain in a child-friendly manner what life is like inside a prison using terms associated with incarceration. The second section of the book contains a discussion guide to help caretakers and counselors explain parental incarceration to a young child by providing sample responses to childrenâ™s commonly asked questions about life inside prison. The Prison Alphabet contains illustrations depicting ethnically diverse characters and can therefore be used by any race or gender. Furthermore, it provides opportunities to discuss maternal, paternal and/or familial incarceration. This is the first book in the Project Iron Kids series. Established in 2013, Project Iron Kids is an initiative to increase the number of books for children of the incarcerated.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Dr. Bahiyyah Muhammad is an assistant professor of criminology at Howard University in Washington, DC. Bahiyyah has interviewed more than 500 children of the incarcerated and presented her research findings throughout the nation. Dr. Muhammad's™ ethnographic dissertation titled "Exploring the Silence Among Children of Prisoners" was groundbreaking in that it provided a well-rounded picture of the experiences of children in their own words. Most recently, Mrs. Muhammad is working as Principle Investigator on a research project titled "Far From The Tree: Resilient Children of Incarcerated Parents". This project highlights the remarkable experiences among children and young adults who have managed to succeed in light of parental incarceration. This study depicts real-world examples of children Dr. Muhammad defines as being Iron Kids. Muntaquim Muhammad is an international philanthropist who has spent his life working to promote the welfare of impoverished children from Newark, New Jersey to Guguletu, South Africa. Currently, Muntaquim works as Road Manager to actor Michael K. Williams, known as Omar on HBO's™ The Wire and Chalky White on Boardwalk Empire. Throughout Mr. Muhammad's™ lifetime, he has aided children in Canada, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Prague, Cape Town, and Dubai. Most recently, Muntaquim is working alongside his wife Dr. Bahiyyah Muhammad with Freedom Productions to create a documentary film about children of incarcerated parents. Mr. and Mrs. Muhammad's™ next book "100 Questions Children of Incarcerated Parents Ask" will be published Spring 2014.

Its raw and rather crude for children.

By the way, children, your incarcerated parent might hurt you unless s/he is locked up like an animal at the zoo. As someone who often works with children of incarcerated parents, I was horrified when

I received this book. There is guilt and blame (no, arrest does not mean someone has done something wrong). There is building of fear. There is dehumanization. I can't believe this book was written for children of the incarcerated. It's the type of thing I'd expect to be given to the general public to further negative views of "prisoners" and "inmates." Please consider purchasing a different book that focuses on bonding and calming children.

Excellent publications

This is a great starting book for kids with parents in jail. This book teaches kids about some of the things that are going on inside the jail. The alphabets are a good source for the kids to learn some terms and help understand a little about what is going on with their parent.

Better books for children of incarcerated people: Grades K-2 The Night Dad Went to Jail, Melissa Higgins My Daddy's In Jail, Anthony Curcio K-3 What Do I Say About That? Coping With an Incarcerated Parent, Julia Cook K-5 Nine Candles, Maria Testa My Daddy Is in Jail, Janet Bender Mama Loves Me from Away, Pat Brisson 5-8 An Inmate's Daughter, Jan Walker 5-8 Everyone Makes Mistakes: Living With My Daddy In Jail, Madison Strempek K-6 Visiting Day, Jacqueline Woodson Waiting for Daddy, Jennie Harriman 6-12 Wish You Were Here: Teens Write about Parents in Prison, Autumn Spanne

This coloring book makes me laugh

This is a terrible book. It gets one star because it does not allow zero star reviews. It is marketed to children with parents in prison, but the messages it sends are horrific and could do real damage to a child. It tells them that their parents might hurt them if they weren't restrained. That they were arrested because they are bad people. That prisons are like zoos...apparently where savage animals are kept in cages. Do not buy this book for any child who has a parent in prison.

Is this satire? How is it helpful to learn that "H is for Handcuffs" which your parent wears to help "keep him safe." There are a million ways to talk to children about incarceration, but a prison alphabet is not one of them. This is a hugely damaging way to present this information.

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