Books on Domestic Abuse

Fiction:

*Mommy's Black Eye* by William George Bentrim  
Grades 4 - 6  
A picture book that explains domestic abuse in a child-friendly way.

*A Family that Fights* by Sharon Chesler Bernstein, illustrated by Karen Ritz  
Grades 1 - 3  
Three siblings, Henry, Claire, and Joe, become anxious when their parents fight, and worried when the fights get so bad their father hits their mother.

*Something is Wrong at My House* by Diane Davis, illustrated by Keith R. Neely  
Grades 1 - 3  
Based on the true story of a child who seeks help when dealing with domestic abuse at home.

*Hear my Roar: A Story of Family Violence* by Gillian Watts, illustrated by Bed Hodson  
Grades 1 - 3  
A picture book that discusses topics of domestic abuse and alcoholism using a fictional family of bears.  
- Teachers Resources:  

*When Mommy Got Hurt* by Ilene Lee, Kathy Sylwester, illustrated by Carol Deach  
Grades Pre K - 3  
A story about a girl who witnesses domestic violence in her home and is forced to move in with her grandma.
A Place for Starr: Children and Their Experience of Family Violence: A Story of Hope
by Howard Schor, illustrated by Mary Kilpatrick
Grade 4+
The story of a young girl who escapes an abusive family situation with her brother.
  • Teacher Resources:
    o https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=16409

Nonfiction:

The Day Daddy Lost his Temper: Empowering Kids That Have Witnessed Domestic Violence by Carol S. McCleary
Grades 1 - 4
A collection of narratives from children who share their experience with domestic violence

Other:

Grades 1 - 6
A therapeutic workbook to promote healing for children who have witnessed and/or are subject to domestic abuse

I Saw it Happen: A Child’s Workbook About Witnessing Violence by Wendy Deaton M.A. M.F.C.C
Grades 1 - 6
A therapeutic workbook for children who have witnessed domestic abuse.