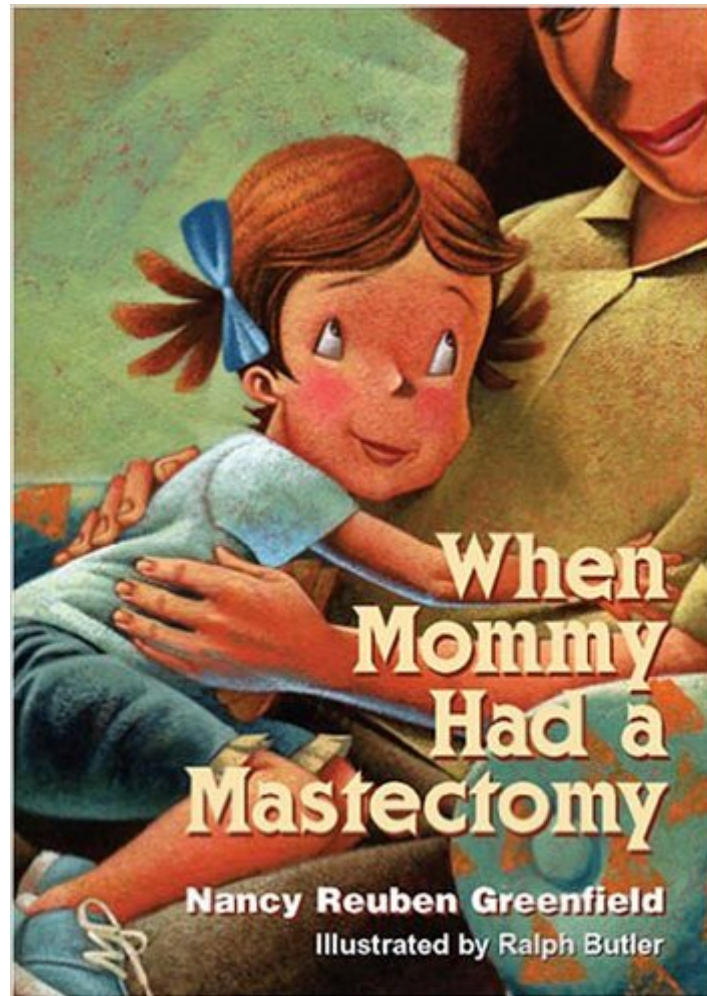


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# When Mommy Had A Mastectomy



## Synopsis

How does a mother tell a daughter she has breast cancer? How can a child understand what a mastectomy and reconstruction are all about? *When Mommy Had a Mastectomy* is a children's book that explains, in a simple and clear manner, why Mommy is sick and what she does after she feels better to return to normalcy. It tells the story of a mother and daughter discovering new ways to show they care despite the painful illness of breast cancer and subsequent breast reconstruction surgery. Pairing enchanting illustrations and an engaging story, *When Mommy Had a Mastectomy* is sure to be a treasured book that will help children and their parents through a difficult time and will provide a fond memory for families to reflect on and share after tragedy.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Nancy Reuben Greenfield's book is a one-of-a-kind find. Young women experiencing breast cancer often have the added pain of facing the experience through the eyes of their young children. This book helps mothers and other adults find the words to explain breast cancer and mastectomy simply and sensitively for the very young child. The theme centers around the effect from the child's perspective, namely the difficulty in "hugging my mommy" as she recovers from mastectomy surgery. The book offers mother and child ways to deal with this stressful time. It is probably ideal for the 4 to 8 year-old girl, but would also be suitable for boys and for older and even younger ages.

The combination of sensitive words and exquisite illustrations by Ralph Butler brought tears to my eyes.

I was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 35 and I had two boys - ages 3 and 5 at the time. I had a bilateral mastectomy and it was quite traumatic for our family. This was a great & informative book that delicately explains the situation of surgery when a mom's breast are removed. It is a great way to share with a child that even though there are a lot of changes in mom - her love for them will never change. I highly recommend for the mom who is facing this surgery and needs to explain to a little one. Cancer is scary for little people just like for big people.

This was a fantastic book for my wife to read with my daughter. You can imagine the emotions involved with cancer to begin with, but when my wife was reading this to her, she started crying....and the emotion really brought the story full circle for us and our daughter. The book discusses that special hug that mommies have with their kids, and for a time, mommy can't give that special hug. It talks about ways that little kids can help (simple things) and stand in hug options until.....that day when mommy can give you that special hug again.

This book is okay. At 30, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I bought this book to help explain to my 2.5 year old about my upcoming mastectomy and chemotherapy. The book does a great job explaining what will happen before, during, and after a mastectomy. (Mommy will go to the hospital, can't play, need to rest a lot, be sad, etc. Daughter can help by playing quietly, drawing Mommy pictures, bringing Mommy drinks, etc.) However, the language was just a little too advanced for my toddler/preschooler. I needed something slightly more simple. I also was not a huge fan of the part about being scared or catching cancer from Mommy. I am sure older children need that reassurance, but I am also sure that at almost 3, those thoughts about catching cancer or being scared of Mommy dying have never crossed her mind. So I didn't want to bring those parts up. I really just wanted to explain what was happening. I returned this and bought "Mom and the Polka Dot Boo Boo". I also purchased from "Your Online Bookstore". Terrible experience. Book was described as like new, but had bumped corners, minor scratches on the cover, and a couple of marks on the pages from dirt. More like "good or very good" condition but definitely not like new. The biggest annoyance was that the book has a price sticker on the back from a Goodwill store listing it at a fourth the cost I paid. Why did I just pay way more than that if the guy who got the great deal at Goodwill couldn't even be bothered to take the sticker off? Beware of purchasing from them.

About a week before my mastectomy, I told my 2.5 and 4 year old girls that my breast was sick with something called cancer and the doctor was going to cut the cancer out. Then I read this book to them. It explained through a little girl's perspective the hospital stay, the recovery and Mommy going back to normal. My 4 year old carried the book around all week and brought it with her to the sitter's house on the day of the surgery. We read a number of children's books afterward about cancer, chemo, etc, but none of them came close to this book when it came to speaking to a preschool girl.

Explains very well with kids' words the scary things of having a mastectomy for cancer treatment. My daughter enjoyed them when I had cancer so I just bought it to donate to my daughter's school library to help maybe another child understand when having to go through it.

I bought this book before my mastectomy. My daughter was 3 1/2 so she had limited understanding about what I was to under go. The book allowed us to talk about Mommy's surgery and recovery. I did skip part of the book about the little girl being afraid about cancer and death. My daughter wasn't old enough. It would be good though for an older child. Over all an excellent book.

Excellent book for children! Really helped my children understand what to expect. Would defiantly recommend this book. Glad there are books out there for children.

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