

Papa's Backpack

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The separation of a military parent from his or her children can be very painful. This simple story about a young bear wishing he could ride in his father's backpack as he goes to war is highly relatable and beautifully represents the fear and loss felt by children of military parents. The illustrations are rich in color and texture and tell a poignant story even without the text. The book provides families with an opportunity to share their emotions and support one another through a potentially difficult time. Ages 4 and up.

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