

Reading to your children will not only teach them how to read or write. It can show them how much you love them by taking the time out to read them a book. My mother read all kinds of children books to me. The one I remember the most is called "Love You Forever", by Robert Munsch. This book is important to me because it taught me a lot about life, and family. In the book there are three characters. There's a mother, her son, and the son's baby. These characters remind me of three people in my life. The three people are my mother, myself, and my children. The relationships between the characters in the story and the people in my life are caring mothers, uncontrolled typical teenagers, and parent's unconditional love.

First of all, my mother and the mother in the story show that they are both caring mothers. My mother shows that she cares for me when she read children books to me as a child. She has seven children, and she had time to read several books to me while growing up. To me that means a lot considering that she had lots of children. It really showed that she did care. The mother in the story shows that she cares for her son when she sings to him every night while he is sleeping. She sang to him when he was an infant all the way up until adulthood. Robert Munsch indicates, "If all the lights in her son's house were out, she opened his bedroom window, crawled across the floor, and look up over the side of his bed. If that great big man was really asleep she picked him up and rocked him back and forth. and while she rocked him she sang: I'll love you forever, I'll like you for always, as long as I am living my baby you'll be (pg 19)." Both my mother and the mother in the story show that they cared because they both used their voices to make themselves wonderful caring mothers.

Next the mother's son reminds me of myself as a teenager. When I was fifth teen years old my mother, and I got into an argument which had gotten physical. My mother ended up calling the police, and I was sent to the girl's detention home for a week. The day before I got out I received a letter from my mother. At the end of the letter she wrote, "I'll love you forever, I'll like you for always, as long

as I am living my baby you'll be " It was the song the mother in the story sang to her son at night. The son acts like a typical out of control teenager when he wore funky clothes, had strange friends, and listen to crazy music. He didn't clean up after himself neither Robert Munsch indicates, "Sometimes the mother felt like she was in a Zoo (pg 12)!" Both the son and I were at a stage where we made mistakes. Every teenager goes through this stage of wild behavior.

Finally, the son grew up into a man, and had a baby girl I grew up, and had a daughter, and a son His daughter and my children are both shown unconditional love In the story "Love You Forever", the son sings to his daughter what his mother sang to him as a child Robert Munsch indicates," he went into the room where his very new baby daughter was sleeping. He picked her up in his arms and very slowly rocked her back and forth... and while he rocked her he sang, I'll love you forever, I'll like you for always, as long as I am living my baby you'll be(pg 27) " He is showing unconditional love, and that is what his mother showed to him. In my life I show unconditional love to my two children I read them a book whenever I can. I also read them the book "Love You Forever" Even though my children are both young, they still listen to me as I read to them Every time I read them a book I start having flashbacks of my mother reading to me I then know that they know I care for them because that's how I felt about my mother as a child.

In conclusion, a children's book can contribute to the outcome of your current life. The story "Love You Forever", by Robert Munsch is a story my mother read to me several times as a child It's a story of how a little boy goes through the stages of childhood, and becomes a man It is also about the enduring nature of parents' love, and how it crosses generations. This story really opened up my eyes, and the song the mother sang to her son will stay with me forever It taught me about my mother, and how she loved, and cared for me It taught me about a lesson that I learned while I was a teenager, and what to expect of my children No matter how bad my children are, or how they act, and dress I'll love

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