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Update to the February 2006 Booklist

Picture books for young children
featuring hair and hair maintenance.

Bintou's Braids by Sylviane Diouf, illus. by Shane Evans (2001) Ages 4-8
Bintou lives in a West African village where only grown women get braids. She dreams of getting her own braids, but her grandma surprises her with another way to become beautiful.

Camilla's New Hairdo by Tricia Tusa (1991) Ages 4-8
Camilla lives in a tower with windows, but no door, and stays inside sculpting her hair, until a new friend shows her the appeal of the outside world. Soon she has a line of customers at her new door, requesting one-of-a-kind hairstyles.

Hair for Mama by Kelly Tinkham, illus. by Amy June Bates (2007) Ages 5-9
When Mama loses her hair to chemotherapy, her son tries getting all of his hair cut off for her. She helps him understand that she'd take time with her family over hair anyway.

I Love My Hair! by Natasha A. Tarpley, illus. by E.B. Lewis (1998) Ages 3-6
Keyana cries when her mother untangles her hair at night, but then her mother reminds her how lucky she is to have beautiful hair that helps her take on the world with confidence and grace.

Where Did Daddy's Hair Go? by Joe O'Connor, illus. by Henry Payne (2004) Ages 4-8
Jeremiah has lots of questions about baldness. Was Daddy born bald? Did hair make him a different person? Did it hurt when it fell out? Will Jeremiah lose his hair someday, too?

The Dirtiest Hair in the World by Bob McAllen, illus. by Tom McClure (2008) Ages 4-8
In this rhyming story, Claire stubbornly refuses to wash her hair. When she finally gives in, all kinds of creatures come crawling, walking, falling, and flying out.

Hair Dance by Dinah Johnson, photographs by Kelly Johnson (2007) Ages 3-8
Poetic text (some rhyming) celebrates all the glorious variety of female African-American hair. The author notes that she sees hair as an art form, and the photographs support that fully.

Wanda and the Wild Hair by Barbara Azore, illus. by Georgia Graham (2005) Ages 4-8
Wanda loves her wild red hair, but the adults in her life can't stand it. A series of messes and mishaps with animals finally convince Wanda that her beautiful hair has to be cut and styled.

Minji's Salon by Eun-hee Choung (Kane/Miller, 2008) Ages 3-7
While her mother is off getting her hair done, Minji administers a full beauty treatment at home—to her dog! Mother comes home to quite a surprise. Originally published in South Korea.