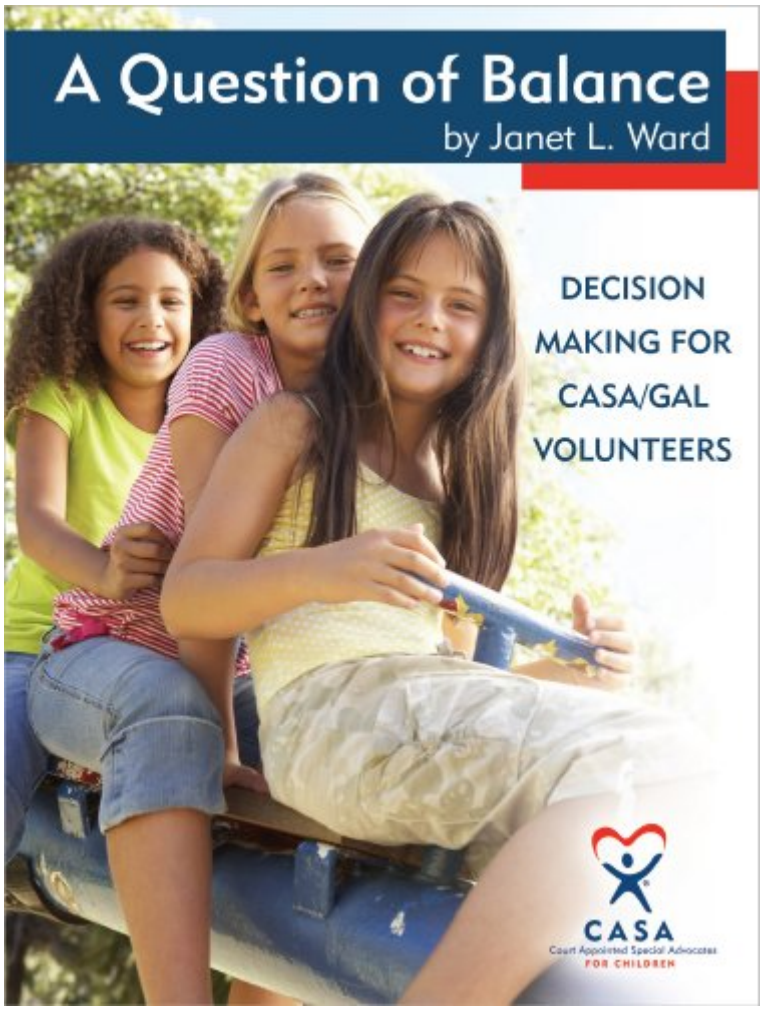
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Great read and very informative!

Very valuable addition to my work as a Casa Volunteer. I'm just starting this volunteer job and it has helpedme greatly!

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I bought this book to use as a reference for my volunteer work with abused and neglected children in georgia

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