

BIBLIOGRAPHY: CHILDREN'S BOOKS RELATED TO GRIEF AND DEATH

Explaining Death with Inanimate Subjects

Hope for the Flowers by Trina Paulus

A different sort of book for children and adults and everyone except those who have given up completely and even they might secretly enjoy it.

The Fall of Freddie the Leaf by Leo Buscaglia 2 copies

How leaves change with the season and finally die and fall from the tree.

When Dinosaurs Die by Laurie Krasny Brown and Marc Brown

A guide to understanding death without the human factor.

Death of Pets

A Funeral for Whiskers by Dr. Lawrence Balter

Child faces death of a pet cat with practical tips for parents.

Badger's Parting Gifts by Susan Varley

All the woodland creatures mourn badger's death and remember him.

Goodbye, Max by Holly Keller

Max, the old dog died and Ben is grieving.

I'll Always Love You by Hans Wilhelm

Death of an old pet dog, Max

The Accident by Carol Carrick

Pet dog, Bodger, is killed by a car and Christopher must overcome sense of guilt.

The Tenth Good Thing About Barney by Judith Viorst 2 copies

Remembering good things about a dead pet cat.

When a Pet Dies by Fred Rogers

Talks to children about a pet dying

Dog Heaven by Cynthia Rylant

If you have a pet dog then you know there is a dog heaven

Cat Heaven by Cynthia Rylant

If you have a pet cat then you know there is a cat heaven

Death of a Pet, brochure by Omps Funeral Home

Answers to questions for children and animal lovers of all ages

Death of Friends

A Taste of Blackberries by Doris Buchanan Smith

Jamie and Heather are friends. When something happens to Heather, Jamie has to grieve.

Bridge to Terebithia by Katherine Paterson 2 copies

A friend dies in an accident and the survivor must cope.

I Had a Friend Names Peter by Janice Cohn

Talking to children about the death of a friend.

Say Goodnight, Gracie by Julie Reece Deaver

Morgan and Jimmy are old friends. Jimmy is killed in an accident and Morgan must deal with it.

Someone I Loved Died by Christine Tangvald

About life and death and a poster about remembering with religious overtones

Somewhere Between Life and Death by Lurlene McDaniel

Erin and Amy are best high school friends. Amy is on life support and Erin must deal with loss.

Why, Charlie Brown, Why? By Charles M. Schulz

A story about what happens when a friend is very ill

Serious Illness or Impending Death of Self

Hang Tough by Matthew Lancaster

Matthew wrote about his treatments etc with Ewing's Sarcoma.

I Want to Grow Hair, I Want to Grow Up, I Want to Go to Boise by Erma Bombeck

A heartwarming story about children surviving cancer.

Children's Books on Grief and Death

Serious Illness or Impending Death of Self continued

My Book for Kids with Cansur by Jason Gaes

A child's autobiography of Hope

Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep by Lurlene McDaniel

Carrie has leukemia at age 15. She feels she can't face life when her parents divorce.

Too Young to Die by Lurlene McDaniel

Melissa is enjoying high school when she is diagnosed with leukemia.

What it is that I have, don't want, didn't ask for can't give back, and how I feel about it:

By The Ohio Cancer Information Service Feelings of a terminally ill child

MaMa's Going to Heaven Soon by Kathe Martin Copeland

Assists children and caregivers in talking about anticipated death of a parent.

The Purple Balloon, by Chris Raschka

Talking to children about dying.

Hair for Mama by Kelly A. Tinkha

Parent Death

Everett Anderson's Goodbye by Lucille Clifton

Everett grieves for his dead father. Everett is African American

How It Feels When a Parent Dies by Jill Kremenr

Eighteen children from ages 7 to 16 years discuss death of a parent

Learning to Say Good-bye by Eda LeShan

Communications between youngsters and adults

Mama's Going to Buy You a Mockingbird by Jean Little

Jeremy's father has cancer.

My Mommy Has Cancer by Carolyn Stearns Parkinson

Sensitive way to teach children about cancer. Good book for parents to read to their children.

My Mom is Dying by Jill Westberg McNamara

When Kristine learns her mother is dying, she turns to God for help. She has 17 conversations with God and begins to understand her feelings.

Our Mom Has Cancer by Abigail and Adrienne Ackerman 2 copies

Picture stories of what they are feeling

Mama's Going to Heaven Soon by Kathe Martin Copeland

Helps children and caregivers talk about anticipated death of parent

Grandparent Death

Blackberries in the Dark by Mavis Jukes

Austin continues to visit the farm and do fun things even though grandpa is dead.

But Won't Granny Need

Her Socks? By Donald Knowles

Dealing effectively with children's concerns about death and dying.

Grandmother Jennifer by Deborah Vaill

For children from 5 and up about a grandmother's illness and eventual death.

Gran-Gran's Best Trick by L. Dwight Holden

A story for children who have lost someone they love with help for parent helping a child.

My Grandson Lew by Charlotte Zolotow

Lewis misses his grandfather even though he died when Lewis was just two.

My Grandpa Died Today by Joan Fassler 2 copies

David has a frank discussion with his grandfather, Max, about death. When he dies David plays and remembers his grandfather in what he does.

Nanna Upstairs and Nanna Downstairs by Tomie dePaola

A story about Tommy and his great-grandmother and grandmother and what happens when they die.

Saying Good-bye to Grandma by Jane Resh Thomas

Going to grandma's funeral as told by a child.

The Two of Them by Alika

A relationship between a grandfather and his granddaughter and what happens when he grows ill.

Tracker, by Gary Paulsen

John hunts with his grandfather. As grandfather is dying, John feels the need to track a doe, not to kill, but to hold onto his grandfather's life.

What Happened When Grandma Died by Peggy Barker

A strongly Christian book on how to understand death.

My Grandma Died by Lory Britain
A child's story about death and loss.
Now One Foot, Now the Other by Tomie dePaola
Relationships that develop when a grandfather has a stroke

General Information on Grief and Death

Emma Says Goodbye by Carolyn Nystrom
Aunt Sue lives with Emma and becomes ill. She is dying and Emma is grieving.
Goodbye Forever by Jim and Joan Bouldon
Bereavement activity book.
Holes in the Floor of Heaven by Steve Waringer
CD and pictures to go with songs
Miss Fannie's Hat by Jan Karon
Her hats remind the child of special things about Miss Fannie
25 Things to Do by Laurie A. Kanyer
When Granpa Passes Away, Mom and Dad Get Divorced, or the Dog Dies
Liplap,s Wish by Jonathan London and Sylvia Long
Story about love, loss, and remembrance. Liplap is a rabbit.
On the Wings of a Butterfly by Marilyn Maple
A story about life and death.
Remember the Secret by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross
Children who are close have to experience death and how they cope with it.
The Empty Place by Roberta Temes
A third graders big sister dies and he grieves. A child's guide through grief.
The Kids' Book about Death and Dying by Eric E. Rofes
For students ages 11 to 14 to discuss death and dying.
The Little Soul and the Sun by Neale Donald Walsch
A children's parable adapted from Conversations with God.
The Next Place by Warren Hanson
Inspirational journey where the hurts of earth are no more.
Water Bugs and Dragonflies by Doris Stickney
Explaining death to young children
What on Earth Do You Do When Someone Dies? By Trevor Romain
Helping you through a painful time
What's Heaven by Maria Shriver
Discussion about what is heaven for a child about 6 years old.
When Someone Dies by Sharon Greenlee
Deals with confusion and questions children feel when death occurs.
When Someone is Very Sick by Jim and Joan Boulden
Serious illness activity book.
When Someone You Love Dies by William L. Coleman
Answering questions about death so children can understand
When Someone You Love Dies by Robert V. Dodd
Bereavement for ages 12 and under.
Where is Heaven? By Ted Menten
Children's Wisdom on Facing Death
Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox
Child lives near a nursing home and interacts with elderly and sees a lot of death.
Why Do People Die? By Cynthia MacGregor
Helping your child understand about death.
Feeling Sad by Joy Berry
Allowing a child to express feeling
Self-help book for children
This Place I Know by Georgia Heard
Poems of comfort
How I Feel by Alan Wolfelt 2 copies
A coloring book for grieving children
Tear Soup by Pat Schwiebert and Chuck Deklyen
What is true about making soup is true about grieving.

Cultural

Annie and the Old One by Miska Miles

Native American girl learns about death from her grandmother.

The Emporer and the Nightingale by Vi Hoang DeVa Con Chim Hoa Mi

Vietnamese story about love and loss and death.

Sibling Death

A Summer to Die by Lois Lowry

Molly becomes ill and Meg has to see the changes taking place in her sister

This Book is for all Kids, but Especially my Sister Libby. Libby Died by Jack Simon, age 5

Little sister dies of a rare disorder at the age of 3

Joani Earns Her Wings by Mary Herzog

Her sister dies of the flu and how she grieved as a result of her mother's story

The Empty Place by Roberta Temes

The third grader's big sister Jennifer dies and how this affects him

Perinatal Deaths

We were gonna have a baby, but We had an angel instead by Pat Schwiebert

Recommended for children 2 years and up to explain perinatal death

Traumatic Death

Where does a Mom's love go? By Patti Lynn Bongiorno

Questions asked after 9/11

Grandma, Does God Make Mistakes? By Patti Lynn Bonfiorino

Written for everyone who was a child on 9/11

My Dad's Footsteps by Patti Lynn Bongiorno

Dedicated to all the dads lost in 9/11

Teen Grief

I Will Remember You by Laura Dower

What to do when someone you love dies; a guidebook through grief for teens

Death Due to Genetic Disorder

Angel with the Golden Glow by Elissa Al-Chokhachy

The story of taking care of a terminal child

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