

Death and Grieving



Alphabetical by Author

Fiction

Aliki. **The Two of Them.** JU E Ali. Describes the relationship of a grandfather and his granddaughter from her birth to his death.

Barron, T.A. Barron ; illustrated by Chris K. Soentpiet. **Where is Grandpa?** JU E Bar. As his family reminisces after his beloved grandfather's death, a boy realizes that his grandfather is still with him in all the special places they shared.

Beake, Lesley ; illustrated by Karin Littlewood. **Home Now.** JU E Bea. After the death of her parents, young Sieta goes to live with her Aunt on the other side of the mountains, but she is sad and lonely until she meets a young elephant who has also lost his family.

Bley, Anette. **And What Comes After a Thousand?** JU E Ble. A little girl comes to understand that memories live beyond death.

Brisson, Pat; illustrated by Stephane Jorisch. **I Remember Miss Perry.** JU E Bri. When his teacher, Miss Perry, is killed in a car accident, Stevie and his elementary school classmates take turns sharing memories of her, especially her fondest wish for each day.

Bruchac, Joseph; illustrated by Paul Morin. **Fox Song.** JU E Bru. After the death of her Indian great-grandmother, Jamie remembers the many special things the old woman shared with her about the natural world.

Bunting, Eve ; illustrated by Vo-Dinh Mai. **The Happy Funeral.** JU F Bun. A little Chinese-American girl pays tribute to her grandfather as she assists in the preparations for his funeral.

Bunting, Eve; illustrated by Karen Barbour. **I Have an Olive Tree.** JU E Bun. After her grandfather's death, eight-year-old Sophia fulfills his last request and journeys to Greece with her mother to see the land where her roots are.

Bunting, Eve ; illustrated by Ted Rand. **The Memory String.** JU E Bun. While still grieving for her mother and unable to accept her stepmother, a girl clings to the memories represented by forty-three buttons on a string.

Carlstrom, Nancy White ; illustrations by Amy Schwartz. **Blow Me a Kiss, Miss Lilly.** JU E Car
When her best friend, an old lady named Miss Lilly, passes away, Sara learns that the memory of a loved one never dies.

Cazzola, Gus; with pictures by Pierr Morgan. **The Bells of Santa Lucia.** JU E Caz. After her grandmother dies, a little Tuscan girl cannot stand the sound of bells until the good-hearted schoolmaster introduces her to some belled lambs.

Curtis, Gavin. **Grandma's Baseball.** JU E Cur. A young boy learns to see beyond his grandmother's grumpiness when she comes to live with his family following her husband's death.

Demas, Corinne ; illustrated by Ard Hoyt. **Saying Goodbye to Lulu.** JU E Dem. When her dog Lulu dies, a girl grieves but then continues with her life.

de Paola, Tomie. **Nana Upstairs & Nana Downstairs.** JU E Dep. A small boy enjoys his relationship with his grandmother and his great-grandmother, but he learns to face their inevitable death.

Durant, Alan; illustrated by Debi Gliori. **Always and Forever.** JU E Dur. A family of forest animals learns to cope with the death of a loved one.

Fraustino, Lisa Rowe ; illustrated by Benny Andrews. **The Hickory Chair.** JU E Fra. A blind boy tells of his warm relationship with his grandmother and the gift she left for him after her death.

Hill, Frances; illustrated by Vera Rosenberry. **The Bug Cemetery.** JU E Hil. Neighborhood children imaginatively stage funerals for dead bugs, but they experience real sadness following the death of a pet.

Hopkinson, Deborah; illustrated by Bethanne Andersen. **Bluebird Summer.** JU E Hop. Gramps's farm isn't the same after Grandma's death, but slowly Mags and Cody work to recreate her spirit by bringing back some of the things she loved. Information on bluebirds may be found in the back of the book.

Hughes, Shirley. **Alfie and the Birthday Surprise.** JU E Hug. The death of Bob's cat prompts his friends and family to give him a surprise birthday party and a very special present.

Hurd, Edith Thacher ; pictures by Emily Arnold McCully. **The Black Dog Who Went into the Woods.** JU E Gob. The various members of a family react to the death of their dog.

Joose, Barbara M.; illustrated by Giselle Potter. **Ghost Wings.** JU E Joo. While celebrating the Days of the Dead, a young Mexican girl remembers her wonderful grandmother who sang songs, made tortillas, chased monsters away, and loved butterflies. Information on the Mexican celebration Days of the Dead and on Monarch butterflies may be found in the back of the book.

Kadono, Eiko; illustrated by Satomi Ichikawa. **Grandpa's Soup.** JU E Kad. After the death of his wife, an old man gradually realizes that making the soup she used to cook and sharing it with friends eases his loneliness.

Kübler-Ross, Elisabeth ; illustrations by Heather Preston. **Remember the Secret.** JU E Kub. Because she has already discovered the wonders of God, Suzy understands the true meaning of her friend's death.

Smith, Maggie. **Desser the Best Ever Cat.** Ju E Smi. A child describes how Dexter the cat had always been part of the family and how much he was loved even after he died.

Plourde, Lynn; illustrated by Jason Cockcroft. **Thank You, Grandpa.** JU E Plo. On her many walks with her grandfather, a young girl learns to appreciate life and deal with death.

*Rosen, Michael: illustrated by Quentin Blake. **Michael Rosen's Sad Book.** JUE Ros. A man tells about all the emotions that accompany his sadness over the death of his son, and how he tries to cope.

Russo, Marisabina. **Grandpa Abe.** JU E Rus. Grandpa Abe enters Sarah's life as her grandmother's boyfriend, becomes her grandfather by marriage, and enriches her life before leaving it.

Rylant, Cynthia ; pictures by Mary Szilagyi. **This year's garden.** JU E Ryl. Follows the seasons of the year as reflected in the growth, life, and death of the garden of a large rural family.

Shriver, Maria ; illustrated by Sandra Speidel. **What's heaven?** JU E Shr. After her great-grandmother's death, a young girl learns about heaven by asking her mother all kinds of questions.

Thompson, Colin. **Looking for Atlantis.** JU E Tho. After his grandfather's death, a young boy learns to see the wonders of the world through the old man's eyes.

Ulmer, Wendy K.; illustrated by Kenneth J. Spengler. **A Campfire for Cowboy Billy.** JU E Ulm. After a day of riding his stick horse, Splinter, across an imaginary landscape, Billy returns to the rooftop of his apartment to sit beneath the stars and remember Grandpa.

Varley, Susan. **Badger's Parting Gifts.** JU E Var. Badger's friends are sad when he dies, but they treasure the legacies he left them.

Wild, Margaret; pictures by Ron Brooks. **Old Pig.** JU E Wil. Because Old Pig knows that her time to die is near, she puts her affairs in order and takes a slow walk with Granddaughter to savor the beauty for one last time.

Wild, Margaret; illustrated by Julie Vivas. **The Very Best of Friends.** JU E Wil. Since Jessie has never cared for her farmer husband's cat William, her difficult adjustment period after her husband's death makes William doubt if he is still welcome on the farm.

Wilhelm, Hans. **I'll Always Love You.** JU E Wil. A child's sadness at the death of a beloved dog is tempered by the remembrance of saying to it every night, "I'll always love you."

Zolotow, Charlotte; paintings by James Ransome. **The Old Dog.** JU E Zol. When a young boy finds his old dog dead one morning, he spends the rest of the day thinking about all the good times they had together.

Non-Fiction

Amos, Janine ; illustrations by Gwen Green ; photographs by Angela Hampton. **Death .** JU 155.937 Amo. Uses letters, stories, and informational text to help children cope with the death of a loved one.

Goldman, Linda; photographs by Linda Goldman. **Children Also Grieve: Talking about Death and Healing.** JU 155.9 Gol. The story tells of the experiences of Henry, the dog of a family whose grandfather has died. During Henry's progress through the different stages of bereavement, he learns strategies for coping with his grief.

Krementz, Jill. **How it feels when a parent dies.** JU 155.937 Kre. Eighteen young people ranging in age from seven to sixteen discuss the questions, fears, and bereavement they experienced when one of their parents died.

Mellonie, Bryan and Robert Ingpen. **Lifetimes : a beautiful way to explain death to children.** JU 306.9 Mel. Explains in simple language the cycles of life and death for all creatures.

Simon, Norma: pictures by Jacqueline Rogers. **The Saddest Time.** JU 155.937 Sim. Explains death as the inevitable end of life and provides three situations in which children experience powerful emotions when someone close has died.

Rogers, Fred ; photographs by Jim Judkis. **When a pet dies.** JU 155.937 Rog. Explores the feelings of frustration, sadness, and loneliness that a youngster may feel when a pet dies.

Brown, Laurie Krasny and Marc Brown. **When Dinosaurs Die: A Guide to Understanding Death.** JU 155.937 Bro. Explains in simple language the feelings people may have regarding the death of a loved one and the ways to honor the memory of someone who has died.

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