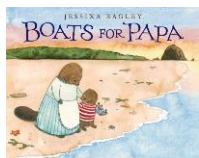


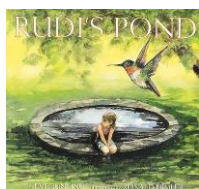
Loss of a Loved One

Picture Books



Boats for Papa by Jessixa Bagley

Buckley and his mother cope with the loss of their father/husband by sending small wooden boats, built by Buckley, off into the ocean. Ages 5 - 8 (PICTURE BOOK BAG)



Rudi's Pond by Eve Bunting

The young narrator's best friend, Rudi, is very sick, and it's hard for her to understand. When Rudi dies, the narrator and the other children in school help to build a pond to remember him by. A hummingbird feeder that Rudi made hangs by the pond, and one day a special hummingbird comes to visit... Based on a true story, Ages 5 - 9 (PICTURE BOOK BUN)



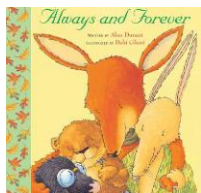
Grandma's Gloves by Cecil Castellucci

When her grandmother, a devoted gardener, dies, a little girl inherits her gardening gloves and feels closer to her memory. Ages 5 - 8 (PICTURE BOOK CAS)



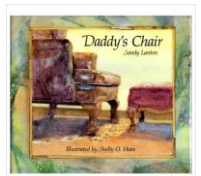
One More Wednesday by Malika Doray

When a little animal's grandmother dies, he remembers good times with her and asks his mother about death. Ages 4 - 7 (PICTURE BOOK DOR)



Always and Forever by Alan Durant

A family of forest animals learns to cope with the death of a loved one.
Ages 3 - 7 (PICTURE BOOK DUR)



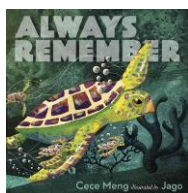
Daddy's Chair by Sandy Lanton

When Michael's father dies his family sits shiva, observing the Jewish week of mourning, and remembers the good things about him. Ages 4 - 8
(PICTURE BOOK LAN)



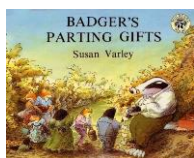
Remembering Crystal by Sebastian Loth

In this gentle story, children learn, with Zelda, that true friendship is a gift that doesn't die. Ages 3 - 8 (PICTURE BOOK LOT)



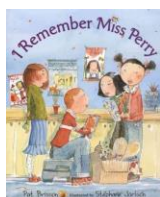
Always Remember by Cece Meng

When Old Turtle dies and is taken back by the sea, his friends remember that he was a wonderful teacher and friend who made his world a better place. Ages 4 - 8
(PICTUTRE BOOK MEN)



Badger's Parting Gifts by Susan Varley

Badger's friends are sad when he dies, but they treasure the legacies he left them. Ages 4 and up (PICTURE BOOK VAR)



I Remember Miss Perry by Pat Brisson

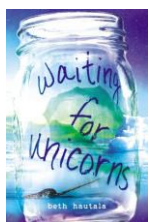
When his teacher, Miss Perry, is killed in a car accident, Stevie and his elementary school classmates take turns sharing memories of her, especially her fondest wish for each day. Ages 5 - 8 (PICTURE BOOK (OLDER) BRI)



[Anna's Heaven](#) by Stian Hole

After the death of her mother, Anna and her father imagine that Heaven might be a place where one can help in God's garden, visit with old friends, and take off one's socks whenever one pleases. Ages 6 - 10 (PICTURE BOOK (OLDER) HOL)

Fiction



[Waiting for Unicorns](#) by Beth Hautala

After her mother dies, twelve-year-old Talia McQuinn goes to the Arctic with her father, a whale researcher. Over the course of one summer, and through several unlikely friendships, Talia learns that stories have the power to connect us, to provide hope, and to pull us out of the darkness. Ages 9 - 14 (J HAT)



[The Way Home Looks Right Now](#) by Wendy Wan Long Shang

After his older brother is killed in a car crash, Peter Lee's mother is paralyzed by grief and his traditional Chinese father seems emotionally frozen--but Peter hopes that if he joins a Little League team in Pittsburgh he can reawaken the passion for baseball that all the members of his family used to share and bring them back to life. Ages 9 - 12 (J SHA)



[Eggs](#) by Jerry Spinelli

Mourning the loss of his mother, nine-year-old David forms an unlikely friendship with independent, quirky thirteen-year-old Primrose, as the two help each other deal with what is missing in their lives. Ages 8 - 12 (J SPI)

Non-Fiction



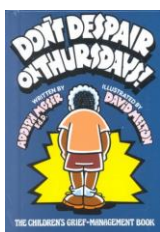
[Black Jack Jetty: A Boy's Journey through Grief](#) by Michael A. Caresto

Visiting his family's summer home on the New Jersey shore, Jack begins to work through his feelings about his father's death in Afghanistan and to find his place among the cousins and other relatives he had never before met. Ages 8 - 12
(J 155.937 CAR)



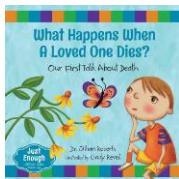
[When Aunt Mattie Got Her Wings](#) by Petra Mathers

When Aunt Mattie dies, best friends Lottie and Herbie console each other and celebrate Aunt Mattie's life by scattering her ashes and preparing her favorite snack--peanut butter and jelly sandwiches (with bananas). Ages 4 - 8
(J 155.937 MAT)



[Don't Despair on Thursdays!](#) by Adolph Moser

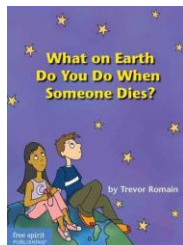
Examines, in simple text, how to deal with feelings of grief when people or pets die, or when friends move away. Ages 8 and up. (J 155.937 MOS)



[What Happens When a Loved One Dies? Our First Talk about Death](#)

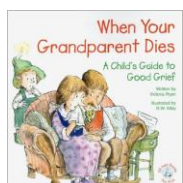
by Jillian Roberts

Whether children are experiencing grief and loss for the first time or simply curious, it can be difficult to know how to talk to them about death. Using questions posed in a child's voice and answers that start simply and become more in-depth, this book allows adults to guide the conversation to a natural and reassuring conclusion. Ages 3 - 7 (J 155.937 ROB)



What on Earth Do You Do When Someone Dies? by Trevor Romain

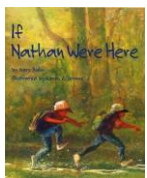
Describes the overwhelming emotions involved in dealing with the death of a loved one and discusses how to cope with such a situation. Ages 5 - 10 (J155.937 ROM)



When Your Grandparent Dies: A Child's Guide to Good Grief by Victoria Ryan

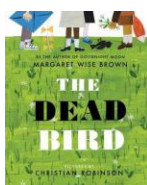
Explaining what happens from a child's-eye view, the elves depict the difficult days before, after, and beyond a grandparent's death. They explore the meaning of death and heaven, as well as how to stay close in spirit with a grandparent who has died. Ages 7 - 12 (J 155.937 RYA)

Parents Collection



If Nathan Were Here by Mary Bahr

The author explores the grief of a young boy whose best friend has died. With the help of an understanding teacher, a kind neighbor and an empathetic parent, the boy finds ways to give expression to his questions and sorrow and to reach out to someone else who needs him. Ages 5 - 8 (PARENT 155.937 BAH)



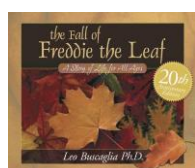
The Dead Bird by Margaret Wise Brown

A reillustrated edition of Margaret Wise Brown's classic story features artwork by an award-winning illustrator and follows the experiences of a group of children who organize a heartfelt memorial after finding a dead bird. Ages 4 - 8 (PARENT 155.937 BRO)



Missing Mommy by Rebecca Cobb

Daddy comforts and reassures a very young boy after Mommy dies.
Ages 3 - 7 (PARENT 155.937 COB)



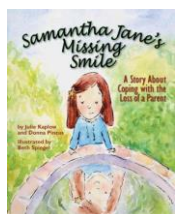
The Fall of Freddie the Leaf by Leo Buscaglia

As Freddie experiences the changing seasons along with his companion leaves, he learns about the delicate balance between life and death. Ages 4 - 8
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Children Also Grieve: Talking about Death and Healing by Linda Goldman

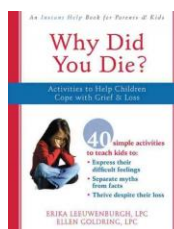
Henry the dog explains how he felt after his grandfather died, and how the children who make up his family felt and worked through their feelings of grief; includes a "memory book" for young readers who have lost someone.
Ages 4 - 7 (PARENT 155.937 GOL)



Samantha Jane's Missing Smile: A Story about Coping with the Loss of a Parent

by Julie Kaplow and Donna Pincus

With the help of her neighbor Mrs. Cooper, Samantha Jane is able to talk about how sad she is since her father died, and then she begins to feel better. Ages 4 - 8
(PARENT 155.937 KAP)



Why Did You Die?: Activities to Help Children Cope with Grief and Loss

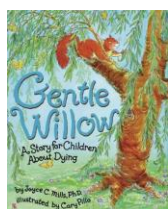
by Erika Leeuwenburgh and Ellen Goldring

This bereavement book contains simple, effective activities to help children and parents communicate about death and the grieving process. Through these activities, children will learn how to grow and thrive after the loss of a loved one.
Ages 6 - 12 (PARENT 155.937 LEE)



[Ben's Flying Flowers](#) by Inger M. Maier

Emily introduces her younger brother, Ben, to butterflies, which he calls "flying flowers," and when his illness makes him too weak to go see them she draws him pictures, but after his death she no longer wants to draw happy things. Includes note to parents. Ages 4 - 8 (PARENT 155.937 MAI)



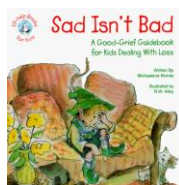
[Gentle Willow: A Story for Children About Dying](#) by Joyce Mills

Amanda the squirrel is upset that she is going to lose her friend but the tree wizards give advice that helps both to accept the change that comes with death. Ages 4 - 8 (PARENT 155.937 MIL)



[The Scar](#) by Charlotte Moundlic

When his mother dies, a little boy is angry at his loss but does everything he can to hold onto the memory of her scent, her voice, and the special things she did for him, even as he tries to help his father and grandmother cope. Ages 5 - 9 (PARENT 155.937 MOU)



[Sad Isn't Bad: A Good-Grief Guidebook for Kids Dealing with Loss](#)

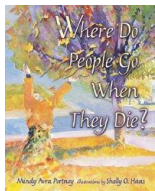
by Michaelene Mundy

This book is loaded with positive, life-affirming advice for coping with loss as a child, this guide tells children what they need to know after a loss, that the world is still safe, life is good, and hurting hearts do mend. Written by a school counselor. Ages 4 - 8 (PARENT 155.937 MUN)



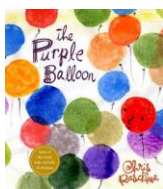
[The Goodbye Book](#) by Todd Parr

A pet fish who has lost his companion imparts a gentle message about saying goodbye while touching on the emotions commonly experienced in the face of loss. Ages 3 - 8 (PARENT 155.9 PAR)



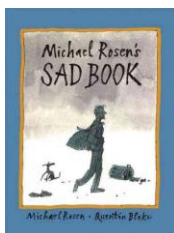
Where Do People Go When They Die? by Mindy Portnoy

Children ask different adults and themselves about death and receive a wide variety of answers. Includes an afterword, and suggestions for parents. Ages 4 - 7 (PARENT 155.937 POR)



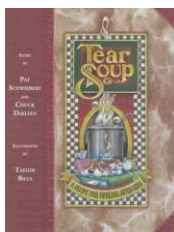
The Purple Balloon by Chris Raschka

Easy-to-read text reveals that dying is hard work, for the old and especially the young, and how good it is that so many people help when a person dies, from medical staff to clergy and friends to family members. All ages (PARENT 155.937 RAS)



Michael Rosen's Sad Book by Michael Rosen

A man tells about all the emotions that accompany his sadness over the death of his son, and how he tries to cope. Ages 6 - 10 (PARENT 155.937 ROS)



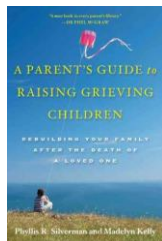
Tear Soup: A Recipe for Healing after Loss by Pat Schwiebert and Chuck DeKlyen

Examines the process of grief through a fictional story of Grandy and Pop as they face a great loss by making "tear soup." Ages 8 - 12 (PARENT 155.937 SCH)

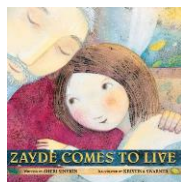


What's Heaven? by Maria Shriver

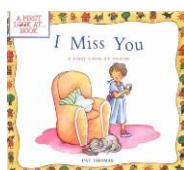
After her great-grandmother's death, a young girl learns about heaven by asking her mother all kinds of questions. Ages 5 - 10 (PARENT 155.937 SHR)



[A Parent's Guide to Raising Grieving Children](#) by Phyllis R. Silverman
Offers guidance to parents on how to help their children understand and grieve following the loss of a loved one. All ages (PARENT 155.937 SIL)



[Zayde Comes to Live](#) by Sheri Sinykin
When Rachel's beloved grandfather, Zayde, comes to spend his last days with her family, she worries what will happen when he dies, especially after friends tell her the Christian and Muslim beliefs about the afterlife. The author approaches the issue of death from a distinctly Jewish perspective while demonstrating respect for all beliefs. Ages 5 - 10 (PARENT 155.937 SIN)



[I Miss You: A First Look at Death](#) by Pat Thomas
When a close friend or family member dies, it can be difficult for children to express their feelings. This book helps boys and girls understand that death is a natural complement to life, and that grief and a sense of loss are normal feelings for them to have following a loved one's death. Ages 4 - 7 (PARENT 155.937 THO)



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Helpful Websites

About Childhood Grief. National Alliance for Grieving Children, 2013.

<https://childrengrieve.org/about-childhood-grief>. Accessed February 3, 2017.

The National Alliance for Grieving Children lists grief support service providers who serve children, teens and their families.

Helping Your Child Deal with Death. The Nemours Foundation/KidsHealth, 1995 - 2017.

<http://kidshealth.org/en/parents/death.html>. Accessed February 3, 2017.

The way kids cope with loss depends on things like their age, how close they felt to the person who died and the support they receive. This website provides information for parents, children and teens.

When Families Grieve. PBS Parents, 2003 - 2017.

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/whenfamiliesgrieve>. Accessed February 2, 2017.

Information, advice and support for parents and links to activities that help children deal with grief —from PBS KIDS, PBS Parents, and beyond.

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