

Picture Books in the Parenting Collection (Parenting XXF)

Bunting, Eve. **RUDI'S POND**

When a sick boy dies, his classmates build a schoolyard pond in his memory.

Chichester Clark, Emma. **UP IN HEAVEN**

When Arthur's dog Daisy dies, she watches over him from heaven.

Demas, Corinne. **SAYING GOODBYE TO LULU**

When her dog Lulu dies, a girl grieves but then continues with her life.

Durant, Alan. **ALWAYS AND FOREVER**

A family of forest animals learns to cope with the death of a loved one.

Fritts, Mary Bahr. **IF NATHAN WERE HERE**

A young boy grieves the loss of his best friend and thinks about how things would be if he were still alive.

Harris, Robie H. **GOODBYE, MOUSIE**

A boy grieves for his dead pet, Mousie, helps to bury him, and begins to come to terms with his loss.

Kroll, Virginia. **FIREFLIES, PEACH PIES AND LULLABIES**

When Francie's Great-Granny Annabel dies of Alzheimer's disease, Francie finds a way to help people remember the real person rather than the shell she had become as the disease ran its course.

Mills, Joyce C. **GENTLE WILLOW: A STORY FOR CHILDREN ABOUT DYING**

Amanda the squirrel is upset that she is going to lose her friend, Gentle Willow, but the tree wizards give advice that help both accept the change that comes with death.

Partridge, Elizabeth. **BIG CAT PEPPER**

When Big Cat Pepper dies, the boy who loves him comes to understand his mother's reassurance that "his spirit is forever."

Portnoy, Mindy Avra. **WHERE DO PEOPLE GO WHEN THEY DIE?**

Children ask different questions about death and receive a variety of answers.

Varley, Susan. **BADGER'S PARTING GIFTS**

Badger's friends are sad when he dies, but they treasure the legacies he left them.

Vigna, Judith. **SAYING GOODBYE TO DADDY**

Frightened and lonely after her father's death in a car accident, Claire is helped to grieve by her mother and grandfather.

Viorst, Judith. **THE TENTH GOOD THING ABOUT BARNEY**

To help him grieve, a boy tries to name the ten best things about his dead cat.

Wood, Douglas. **GRANDAD'S PRAYERS OF THE EARTH**

Because Grandad has explained how all things in the natural world pray and make a gift to the beauty of life, his grandson is comforted when Grandad dies.

School-Age Fiction Books in the Parenting Collection (Parenting XF)

Brisson, Pat. **I REMEMBER MISS PERRY**

When his teacher is killed in a car accident, a boy and his classmates take turns sharing memories of her.

Bunting, Eve. **THE HAPPY FUNERAL**

A young girl pays tribute to her grandfather as she assists in the preparations for his funeral.

Buscaglia, Leo. **THE FALL OF FREDDIE THE LEAF: A STORY OF LIFE FOR ALL AGES**

As Freddie experiences the changing seasons, he learns about the delicate balance between life and death.

Nonfiction Books in the Parenting Collection

Brown, Laurene Krasny. **WHEN DINOSAURS DIE: A GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING DEATH**

Explains the feelings people may have after a death of a loved one and ways to honor the memory of someone who has died. (XX155.937)

Greenlee, Sharon. **WHEN SOMEONE DIES**

Provides guidance and comfort for those recovering from the death of someone they know, offering suggestions for how to survive the grief and remember the good times. (X155.937)

Hewitt, Sally. **WHEN PEOPLE DIE**

Case studies and helpful advice for kids who have experienced the death of a close loved one. (X155.937)

Sanders, Bruce. **LET'S TALK ABOUT DEATH AND DYING**

Explains what happens when someone dies, how the person is remembered, and how to deal with painful feelings. (X155.937)

Thomas, Pat. **I MISS YOU: A FIRST LOOK AT DEATH**

Explains why people die and what death means, the purpose of funerals, and how people react when loved ones die. (XX155.937)

Thornhill, Jan. **I FOUND A DEAD BIRD: THE KID'S GUIDE TO THE CYCLE OF LIFE AND DEATH**

Explores the cycle of life and death and how death affects people personally. (X571.8)

Attention Parents and Caregivers!

The Santa Monica Public Library offers a Parenting Center at the Main Library which includes an outstanding array of materials on general parenting, family and health issues, and education and learning topics.

The collection includes therapeutic books that support children needing to process difficult personal events that are painful, confusing, or overwhelming.

- Adoption
- Bullying
- Cooperation
- Death
- Divorce
- Families
- Feelings
- Going to School
- Illness
- New Baby
- Nighttime Fears
- Physical Limitations
- Toilet Training
- Sibling Rivalry
- Tolerance

Helping Children Cope With Death



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