

Books to Help Children Understand Death and Dying

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***The Grandad Tree* by Trish Cooke- A young girl remembers her grandfather with the help of an apple tree.**

***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.**

***Saying Goodbye to Lulu* by Corinne Demas – A young girl does not know how to say goodbye to the dog she has had her whole life.**

***That Summer* by Tony Johnston - A family, including a child who is dying, sews together a quilt of its memories and love.**

***Some of the Pieces* by Melissa Madenski - A year after the death of their father, two children and their mother try to come to terms with their loss.**

***And What Comes After a Thousand* by Anette Bley - A little girl comes to understand that memories live beyond death.**

***Flamingo Dream* by Donna Jo Napoli - Grieving over her father's death from cancer, a young girl celebrates their last year together by making a book that includes mementos and a story.**

***You Hold Me, I'll Hold You* by Jo Carson - A little girl learns about grief and compassion while attending her first funeral.**

***Remembering Crystal* by Sebastian Loth – A young goose named Zelda loses her older friend, Crystal, but learns that all Crystal taught her did not die with her friend.**

***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.**

***Missing Mommy* by Rebecca Cobb – Daddy comforts and reassures a very young boy after Mommy dies.**

***Stones for Grandpa* by Renee Londner - After a year of missing his grandfather and remembering things they did together, a young boy and his family unveil Grandpa's tombstone, place stones on it, and share stories, knowing the memories will never be lost.**

Grandma's Gloves by Cecil Castelluci - When her grandmother, a devoted gardener, dies, a little girl inherits her gardening gloves and feels closer to her memory.

The Best Cat in the World by Leslea Newman - A young boy deals with the loss of his beloved cat Charlie, eventually accepting the arrival of another, very different cat.

Sally goes to Heaven by Stephen Huneck - A beloved dog dies and goes to Heaven where she lives happily and helps to find her family on earth a new pet.

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Carolina Autumn by Carol Lynch Williams- Fourteen-year-old Carolina tries to come to terms with the death of her father and older sister, while dealing with changing relationships with her mother, her best friend, and the boy next door.

Mick Harte was Here by Barbara Park- A girl recalls the death of her brother in a bicycle accident.

Fair Has Nothing to do with It by Cynthia Cotten - When Michael's beloved grandfather dies, he has a hard time admitting how much it hurts and allowing himself to trust anyone again.

Missing May by Cynthia Rylant - After the death of the beloved aunt who has raised her, twelve-year-old Summer and her uncle Ob leave their West Virginia trailer in search of the strength to go on living.

Blue Eyes Better by Ruth Wallace-Brodeur - When her older brother is killed in an accident, ten-year-old Tessa and her parents find it difficult to overcome their grief and return to living normally.

Edward's Eyes by Patricia MacLachlan - Edward is one of a large and close family that loves baseball, music, books, and each other, and when he unexpectedly dies and his parents donate his organs, his wonderful eyes go to a perfect recipient.

Daddy's Climbing Tree by C. S. Adler - Eleven-year-old Jessica refuses to believe the reality of her father's death when he is killed in a hit-and-run accident.

Bridge To Terabithia by Katherine Paterson- The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.

A Taste of Blackberries by Doris Buchanan Smith - A young boy recounts his efforts to adjust to the accidental death of his best friend.

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***When Dinosaurs Die* - Simply explains feelings that accompany death and the memory of loved ones. 128.500 Brown**

***The Kids' Book About Death and Dying* - Fourteen children offer facts and advice to give young readers a better understanding of death. 128.500 Kids'**

***I Miss You: A First Look at Death* – A picture book for young children which aims to help them understand their feelings concerning loss and death. 128.500 Thomas**

***The Purple Balloon* – A book written in conjunction with Children's Hospice International for seriously ill children and the people who love them. 155.937 Raschka**

***The Scar* – When a little boy's mother dies, he does everything he can not to forget her, even as he tries to help his father and grandmother cope. 155.937 Moundlic**

***My Father's Arms Are a Boat* - Unable to sleep, a young boy climbs into his father's arms and asks about birds, foxes, and whether his mother will ever awaken. Under a starry sky, the father provides clear answers and assurances. 155.937 Lunde**

***Where Do We Go When We Disappear?*- Considers things that seem to appear and disappear, looking at things like the sun that merely disappears from view, as well as more complicated cases like puddles, noises, stones, and people, all of which appear and disappear in their own ways. 111.000 Martins**

***Bear and Bird* -An old bear and a young bird become friends and spend several years together until the bear's death. The young bird is comforted by memories of their time together. 155.937 Skofield**