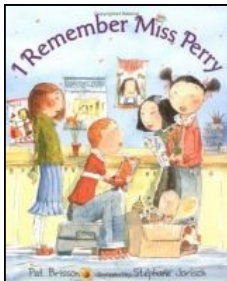
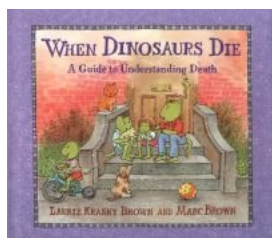


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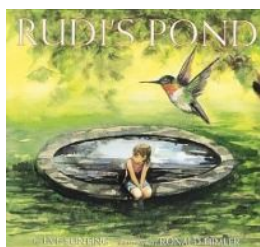
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Brisson, P. I Remember Miss Perry. It's his first day at a new school, and Stevie is scared. Who will he talk to at lunchtime? But his teacher says, "It is my fondest wish that you join me for lunch today, Stevie." And with that, a bad day becomes a good one. Miss Perry always has a new fondest wish—something new to read, sing, celebrate. But then an awful thing happens: Miss Perry dies in a car accident, and everything is suddenly sad and complicated. Yet Stevie and his classmates must find their way to happiness again. It would surely be Miss Perry's fondest wish. j PAR PIC Brisson

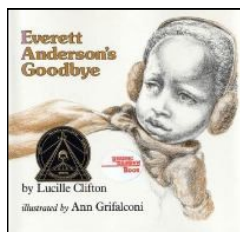


Brown, L. When Dinosaurs Die: a Guide to Understanding Death. No one can really understand death, but to children, the passing away of a loved one can be especially perplexing and troublesome. This is true whether the loss is a classmate, friend, family member, or pet. Straightforward and compassionate, When Dinosaurs Die explains death, dying, and coping with grief and loss in simple and accessible language for young kids and families. It provides answers to kids' most-often asked questions and also explores the feelings we may have regarding the death of a loved one, and the ways to remember someone after he or she has died. j 155.937 B878



Bunting, E. Rudi's Pond. 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 by the big knobby oak 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, Rudi's Pond is an insightful book that will help young readers to deal with loss.

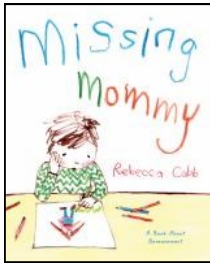
j PAR PIC Bunting



Clifton, L. Everett Anderson's Goodbye. Everett Anderson's Goodbye is a touching portrait of a little boy who is trying to come to grips with his father's death. Lucille Clifton captures Everett's conflicting emotions as he confronts this painful reality. We see him struggle through many stages, from denial and anger to depression and, finally, acceptance. j PAR PIC Clifton

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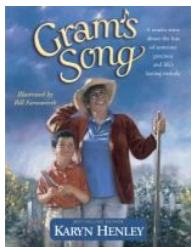


Cobb, R. Missing Mommy. Honest and straightforward, this touching story explores the many emotions a bereaved child may experience, from anger and guilt to sadness and bewilderment. Ultimately, *Missing Mommy* focuses on the positive—the recognition that the child is not alone but still part of a family that loves and supports him. j PAR PIC Cobb

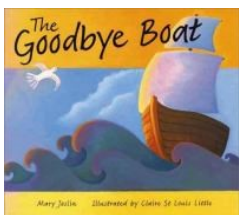


Hanson, W. The Next Place. The author's musings about heaven, or whatever you might call "the next place" that one inhabits after this life, are presented in arcs of text superimposed on tranquil collage illustrations. The overall sense is one of peace. No specific religious allusions are made. The book might be reassuring for children facing the loss of someone dear.

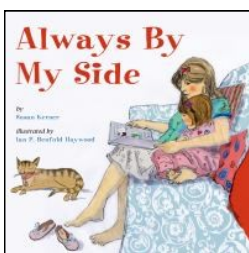
j PAR PIC Hanson



Henley, K. Gram's Song. Anthony enjoys gardening with Gram and learns a lot about seeds and snails. Anthony is sad when his Gram dies but learns from his mother that Gram's body was like a seed or snail shell, and that the real alive part of Gram is with Jesus. She also reminds him of the treasures she left him, including her special song. j PAR PIC Henley



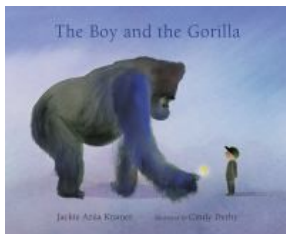
Joslin, M. The Goodbye Boat. Saying goodbye to someone you love is always hard. Saying goodbye when someone you love dies is perhaps the hardest thing of all. The simple, thoughtful text and evocative illustrations explore the pain and grief of saying goodbye and open the door to discussion for readers of any age. *The Goodbye Boat* provides a message of hope that sadness will ease and comforts with the reassurance that death is not the end. j 155.937 Joslin



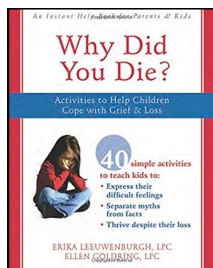
Kerner, S. Always By My Side. This beautifully illustrated book conveys the heart-warming message to children that even though a father is not in their lives, he is still part of them. They will realize that they are like him in character, looks and actions; that his spirit surrounds them in their day-to-day activities, and helps to make them who they are. j PAR PIC Kerner

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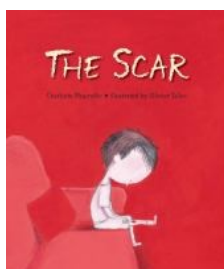
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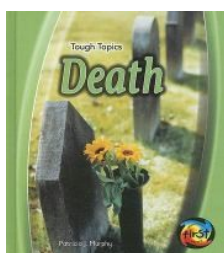
Kramer, J. The Boy and the Gorilla A gorilla approaches a young boy after the death of the boy's mother and stays with him as the boy begins to process what happened and work through his grief...Gorgeous collage illustrations, splotchy and watery almost as if tear-stained, follow the boy and gorilla from garden to beach to playground to classroom to treetop...Kramer's text is understated and powerful, and Derby's art, whether depicting a glorious seascape or a mundane school-bus interior, is invested with emotion. The gorilla—enormous in comparison to its surroundings, standing out on each spread in deep colors of purple, blue, and gray—is both a reassuring presence and a symbol of the immensity of the boy's grief j PAR PIC Azua



Leeuwenburgh, E. Why Did You Die? Activities to Help Children Cope with Grief and Loss. When a loved one dies, children are faced with a kaleidoscope of feelings, thoughts, myths, and questions. This workbook offers tools that you can use to help a grieving child in your life deal with these feelings. The first section of is for adults, and describes a child's grief process and what can be expected as it progresses. The second section includes activities to do with a grieving child. Different activities help the child express difficult feelings, separate myths from facts, and understand the finality of death. This direct yet non-threatening, secular approach will help children learn, grow, and thrive. j PAR 155.9 Leeuwenburgh



Moundlic, C. The Scar. When the boy in this story wakes to find that his mother has died, he is overwhelmed with sadness, anger, and fear that he will forget her. He shuts all the windows to keep in his mother's familiar smell and scratches open the cut on his knee to remember her comforting voice. He doesn't know how to speak to his dad anymore, and when Grandma visits and throws open the windows, it's more than the boy can take — until his grandmother shows him another way to feel that his mom's love is near. j PAR PIC Moundlic

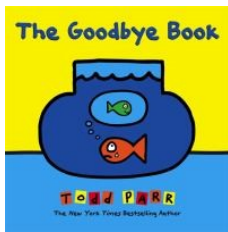


Murphy, P. Death. This can be a difficult and emotional topic, but the author addresses it in a direct and matter of fact manner. She discusses what death is, how it can happen and how it affects people, as well as funerals and memories, and the different ways of coping with such a loss.

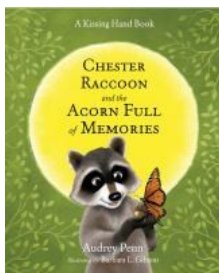
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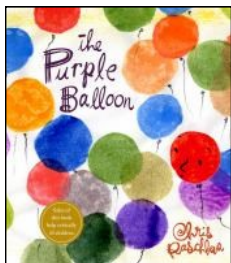
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Parr, T. The Goodbye Book. Through the lens of a pet fish who has lost his companion, Todd Parr tells a moving and wholly accessible story about saying goodbye. Touching upon the host of emotions children experience, Todd reminds readers that it's okay not to know all the answers, and that someone will always be there to support them. j PAR PIC Parr

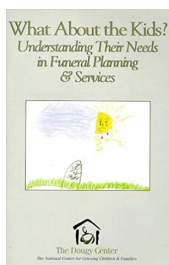


Penn, A. Chester Raccoon and the Acorn Full of Memories. Chester Raccoon's good friend Skiddel Squirrel has had an accident and will not be returning - ever. Chester is upset that he won't get to play with his friend anymore. Mrs. Raccoon suggests that Chester and his friends create some memories of Skiddel, so that they will have good memories when they miss him. Chester, his brother Ronny, and their friends decide to gather at the pond, where they combine their memories and create a touching celebration of their friend's life. j PAR PIC Penn



Raschka, C. The Purple Balloon. "No one likes to talk about dying. It's hard work." The focus is first on how support from those around us can help "make dying not so hard" for an older person. The same case is then made for a child who faces death, concluding with "Good help makes dying less hard. Good help makes leaving easier." The balloons representing the two who are dying morph from their original colors to shades of purple. A message from the author explains why he uses the purple balloons as a symbol. The book ends with suggestions on how to help a friend who is terminally ill.

j PAR PIC Raschka



What About the Kids? Understanding Their Needs in Funeral Planning & Services. By adulthood, most of us have known someone who died and have attended a funeral. But what is a funeral like for a child or teenager who unexpectedly loses a parent, sibling, grandparent or friend? And how do children say goodbye. This guidebook has been developed by The Dougy Center, The National Center for Grieving Children and Families, to help parents and caregivers support their children before, during and after a funeral or memorial service. j PAR 155.937 What

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