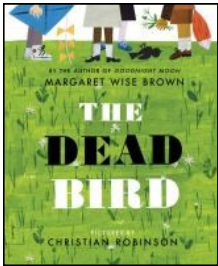
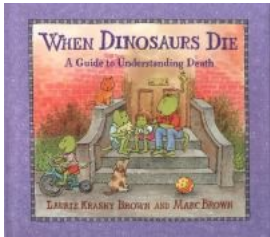


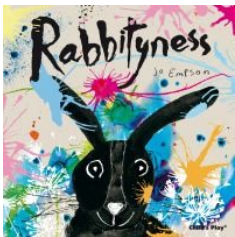
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Brown, M. The Dead Bird. One day, the children find a bird lying on its side with its eyes closed and no heartbeat. They are very sorry, so they decide to say good-bye. In the park, they dig a hole for the bird and cover it with warm sweet-ferns and flowers. Finally, they sing sweet songs to send the little bird on its way. j PAR PIC Brown



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



Empson, J. Rabbityness. Rabbit enjoys doing rabbit things, but he also loves un-rabbit things! When Rabbit suddenly disappears, no one knows where he has gone. His friends are desolate. But, as it turns out, Rabbit has left behind some very special gifts for them, to help them discover their own unrabbit talents! jP Empson



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.

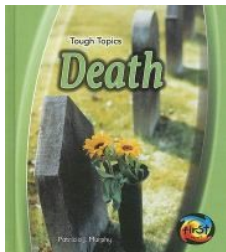
j PAR PIC Hanson



Hayes, G. Benny and Penny In How To Say Goodbye. Penny notices that Little Red, a salamander, has died, but when she tells big brother Benny, he brushes her off. Penny is upset about her friend's demise, and she and her pal Melina, a mole, decide to hold a burial; Benny is initially brusque but later confides tearfully that he regrets his uncharitable behavior toward Little Red. A gentle and sensitively handled tale of a child's encounter with death.

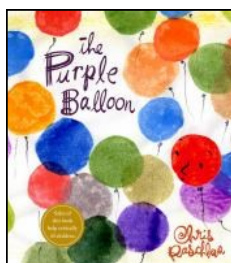
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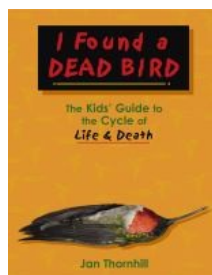
Murphy, P. Death. This can be a difficult and emotional topic, but the author addresses it in a direct and matter of fact manner. She discusses what death is, how it can happen and how it affects people, as well as funerals and memories, and the different ways of coping with such a loss.

j 155.973 Murphy



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



Thornhill, J. I Found a Dead Bird: The Kid's Guide to the Cycle of Life & Death. The death of a bird is the jumping-off point for this intelligent, wide-ranging look at the cycle of life. From life spans to how things die, from what happens after death to how people cope with the loss of a loved one, the author guides young readers through difficult territory with grace and sensitivity.

j 306.9 Thornhill

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