

Death and Grief

Picture Books

Barron, T.A. **Where is Grandpa?** (PB BARRO)

As his family reminisces after his beloved grandfather's death, a boy realizes that his grandfather is still with him in all the special places they shared.

Brisson, Pat. **I Remember Miss Perry.** (PB BRISS)

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.

Castelluci, Cecil. **Grandma's Gloves.** (PB CASTE)

When her grandmother, a devoted gardener, dies, a little girl inherits her gardening gloves and feels closer to her memory.

Demas, Corinne. **Saying Goodbye to Lulu.** (PB DEMAS)

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

DePaola, Tomie. **Nana Upstairs Nana Downstairs.** (PB DEPAO)

A small boy enjoys his relationship with his grandmother and his great-grandmother, but he learns to face their inevitable death.

Durant, Alan. **Always and Forever.** (PB DURAN)

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

Harris, Robie. **Goodbye Mousie.** (PB HARRI)

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

Krishnaswami, Uma. **Remembering Grandpa.** (PB KRISH)

When Grandma comes down with a "bad case of sadness" one year after Grandpa's death, Daysha collects objects that will remind her grandmother of Daysha's grandfather.

Loewen, Nancy. **Good-bye Jeepers: what to do when your pet dies.** (PB LOEWE)

When a pet dies, it can feel like you lost your best friend. What do you do? Whether you had a guinea pig, dog, cat, or fish, this story can help you through the tough times.

Loth Sebastian. **Remembering Crystal.** (PB LOTH)

Zelda is a young duck that lives in the garden. Her friend Crystal is a turtle who is growing old. The two do many things together. One day Crystal is not in the garden. But friendship never dies.

Moundlic, Charlotte. **The Scar.** (PB MOUND)

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.

Plourd, Lynn. **Thank You Grandpa.** (PB PLOUR)

On her many walks with her grandfather, a young girl learns to appreciate life and deal with death.

Raschka, Christopher. **The Purple Balloon.** (PB RASCH)

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.

Wild, Margaret. **Harry and Hopper.** (PB WILD)

One day when Harry comes home from school, his faithful companion Hopper isn't there to greet him, in a touching story about the process of healing after losing a beloved pet.

Woodson, Jacqueline. **Sweet, Sweet Memory.** (PB WOODS)

A child and her grandmother feel sad when Grandpa dies, but as time passes, funny memories of him make them laugh and feel better.

Non Fiction

Brown, Marc. **When Dinosaurs Die: a guide to understanding death.**

(JUV 155.937 BROWN)

Explains in simple language the feelings people may have regarding the death of a loved one and the ways to honor the memory of someone who has died.

Loewen, Nancy. **Saying Good-Bye to Uncle Joe: what to expect when someone you love dies.**

(JUV 155.937 LOEWE)

When someone you love dies, you might feel sad, lonely, and confused. What do you do? No matter who your loved one was, this story can help you through the tough times.

Romain, Trevor. **What on Earth do you do When Someone Dies?** (JUV 155.937 ROMAIN)

Describes the overwhelming emotions involved in dealing with the death of a loved one and discusses how to cope with such a situation.