

Death of a Family Member or Friend

Annie and the old one by Miska Miles E Mil

A Navajo girl unravels a day's weaving on a rug whose completion, she believes, will mean the death of her grandmother.

Emily's sadhappy season :the story of a young girl's feelings after the death of her father by Stephanie Golightly Lowden. J155.937 Low

Everett Anderson's Goodbye by Lucille Clifton E Cli

Everett's father dies. He recalls the good times and knows he will always love him. Told in poetic format.

How it feels when a parent dies by Jill Krementz J155.937 Kre

Eighteen young people ranging in age from seven to sixteen discuss the questions, fears, and bereavement they experienced when one of their parents died.

I Had a Friend Named Peter: talking to children about the death of a friend by Janice Cohn. J155.9 Coh

When Betsy learns about the death of a friend, her parents and kindergarten teacher answer questions about dying, funerals and burial.

Nana Upstairs and Nana Downstairs by Tomie DePaola. E De P

Tommy learns to face the inevitable death of his grandmother.

The Purple Balloon by Chris Raschka. E Ras

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.

The two of them by Aliko. J 155.9 Ali

Describes the relationship of a grandfather and his granddaughter from her birth to his death.

You hold me and I'll hold you by Jo Carson J155.9Car

When a great-aunt dies, a young child finds comfort in being held and in holding, too.

When dinosaurs die : a guide to understanding death by Laurie Krasny Brown and Marc Brown. J155.9

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.

Saying Goodbye

Books about death for young people available at the St. Tammany Parish Library

The books in this list are intended for children ages 4-12 to help in dealing with the death of a pet or a loved one or friend. The selection offers a variety of reading and comprehension levels as well as different approaches to the subject. Other books that might help a child, not on this list, are available from the St. Tammany Parish Library in the Juvenile Non-fiction section, call number J155.9. Books that help an adult in explaining death to a child can be found in Adult Non-fiction section, call number 155.937. Books on the list "Books on Separation and Loss", available at the St. Tammany Parish Library, may also be helpful.



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Death of a Pet

The accident by Carol Carrick. E Car

After his dog is hit by a truck and killed, Christopher must deal with his own feelings of depression and guilt.

Cat heaven Cynthia Rylant. E Ryl

God created Cat Heaven, with fields of sweet grass where cats can play, kitty-toys for them to enjoy, and angels to rub their noses and ears.

Dog heaven Cynthia Rylant. E Ryl

Created Dog Heaven, a place where dogs can eat ice cream biscuits, sleep on fluffy clouds, and run through unending fields.

A dog like Jack by Dyanne Disalvo-Ryan. E Dis

After a long life of chasing squirrels, licking ice cream cones, and loving his adoptive family, an old dog comes to the end of his days.

Dribbles by Connie Heckert. E Hec

The family cats work hard at befriending the new, though elderly, cat that moves in with the family's grandfather, and are especially glad they did when that cat dies knowing it was loved.

Fred by Posy Simmonds. E Sim

The night Sophie and Nick bury their dearly beloved cat Fred, all Fred's cat friends arrive to reveal his nighttime self and give him a proper funeral and farewell.

Goodbye, Max by Holly Keller. E Kel

Ben blames his parents for the death of his dog, Max, and does not want the new puppy they brought home.

I'll always love you by Hans Wilhelm. E Wil

A child's sadness at the death of a beloved dog is tempered by the remembrance of saying to it every night, "I'll always love you."

Jim's Dog Muffins by Miriam Cohen. E Coh

Jim is very sad when his dog is run over by a truck. His teacher and classmates are very supportive. After several days he is able to cry and release his emotions.

The old dog by Charlotte Zolotow. E Zol

When a young boy finds his old dog dead one morning, he spends the rest of the day thinking about all the good times they had together

Petey by Tobi Tobias. E Tob

Emily has enjoyed her pet gerbil for five years, but one day she finds Petey huddled up in the corner of his cage.

The tenth good thing about Barney by Judith Viorst. E Vio

In an attempt to overcome his grief, a boy tries to think of the ten best things about his dead cat.

Under the blackberries by Rachel Pank. E Pan

Sonia and her cat Barnie are inseparable, until the day there is an accident and he goes away for good.

The very best of friends by Margaret Wild. E Wil

Since Jessie has never cared for her farmer husband's cat William, her difficult adjustment period after her husband's death makes William doubt if he is still welcome on the farm.

Whiskers, once and always by Doris Orgel. J Org

When her beloved cat Whiskers dies, Rebecca finds it difficult at first to vent her anger and accept her mother's comfort.