



## **Printed Resources for Bereaved Children**

(Books marked with an \* are available to borrow from the Iowa City Hospice Lending Library.)

*\*Aarvy Aardvark Finds Hope, Donna O'Toole*

Read-aloud story of pain of loss and hope of recovery. 6 years to adult.

*And Peter Said Goodbye, Liz Farrington*

Magical paints take Peter on a journey to say goodbye to his grandfather. Ages 5-9.

*Annie and the Old One, Miska Miles*

Grandmother teaches her granddaughter about life and death as she prepares to die. 6 to 12 years.

*Badger's Parting Gifts, Susan Varley*

Story of the death of old Badger, remembered by his animal friends. 5 to 9 years.

*Beat the Turtle Drum, Constance Greene*

Hopeful story of death of 11-year-old girl and its effects on her sister and parents. 10 years to adult.

*Blackberries in the Dark, Mavis Jukes*

Austin and his grandmother learn how to keep their memories of Grandpa alive on the farm. Ages 4-8.

*Blow Me a Kiss, Miss Lilly, Nancy Carlstrom*

Sara learns that memory lives on when her best friend, an old lady named Miss Lilly, dies. 4 to 8 years.

*Bridge to Terabithia, Katherine Paterson*

A story of a friendship between a boy and girl, a tragedy and the resurrection of hope. Newberry Award winner. 8 to 12 years.

*Charlotte's Web, E. B. White*

Classic story of the loving barn spider who explains death to Wilbur, the piglet, as she prepares to die. 5 years to adult.

*\*The Class in Room 44, Lynn Blackburn*

A story to help children label and deal with their feelings following the death of a classmate. Ages not listed.

*Dad! Why'd You Leave Me? Dorothy Frost*

10-year-old Ronnie feels anger, sorrow and confusion over the sudden death of his father.

*\*The Dead Bird, Margaret Wise Brown*

Some young children find a dead bird, then have a funeral and burial. 4 to 8 years.

*Emma Says Goodbye, Carolyn Nystrom*

Emma grows close to her Aunt Sue, who has come to live with the family during her terminal illness. 8 to 14 years.

*Everett Anderson's Goodbye, Clifton and Grifalconi*

Boy struggles with the death of his father. 5 to 12 years.

*Fall of Freddie the Leaf, Leo Buscaglia*

Story of life and death and the changing of the seasons. All ages.

***Geranium Morning***, Sandy Powell

After Timothy's father is killed in an accident, he meets Franny, whose mother is dying. Their sharing helps them both. Ages 4-8.

***God is Always with Me***, Helen Caswell

Picture book that responds to a child's questions about why things change. Ages 2-6.

***Goodbye, Mitch***, Ruth Wallace-Brodeur

Tender story of what a child experiences when the cat he loves grows ill and dies. Ages 4-8.

***\*Goodbye Rune***, Kaldbol and Oyen

Story of the death of a young girl's best friend by drowning, and how her parents help. 5 to 12 years.

***Grandad Bill's Song***, Jane Yolen

Poetic book about how different members of a family respond to a death. Ages 4-8.

***Gran-Gran's Best Trick***, Dwight Holden

Sensitive story of a child whose grandparent develops cancer and dies. Ages 9-12.

***Grandpa Loved***, Josephine Nobisso

Story of how a child worries, grieves and heals as his beloved pet dies, all the while influenced by his loving grandparent. Ages 9-12.

***\*How It Feels When a Parent Dies***, Jill Krementz

Collection of photo-essays with thoughts and feelings of 18 children, aged 7 to 16.

***I Had a Friend Named Peter***, J. Cohn

Betsy's best friend dies suddenly and her parents and teacher help her learn that, though people may die, memories live forever. 5 to 10 years.

***I Know I Made It Happen***, Lynn Blackburn

Validating book to help children with the fear and guilt that they caused a death or illness. Ages 4-8.

***I'll Always Love you***, Hans Wilhelm

A boy tells of his dog, Elfie, who ages and dies, offering the importance of telling loved ones how you feel while you still can. 3 to 7 years.

***It Must Hurt a Lot***, Doris Sanford

A boy learns to express his feelings after his dog is killed. 4 to 10 years.

***Learning to Say Goodbye***, Eda LeShan

Classic book written for children about the problems they face when a parent has died. 8 to 12 years.

***Lifetimes***, Mellonie and Ingpen

Describes the cycles of life in plants, animals and people. 3 to 10 years.

***\*Losing Uncle Tim***, MaryKate Jordan

When his Uncle Tim dies of AIDS, Daniel first struggles, then finds understanding and hope. 7 to 12 years.

***Love, Mark***, Mark Scrivani

Hand-printed, illustrated letters to children to answer their questions about death and grief. Ages 7-12.

***Mustard***, Charlotte Graeber

8-year-old boy deals with the death of the family cat, by denial, anger and sadness. 6 to 9 years.

*My Grandson Lew, William duBois*

Tender book illustrating how grief reaches across the years. 4 to 8 years.

*Nadia the Willful, Sue Alexander*

Inspiring story of the angry feelings of a girl after the death of her brother and the role of remembrance in healing. Ages 7-12.

*\*Nana Upstairs and Nana Downstairs, Tomie dePaola*

Charming picture book that recognizes that even after a family member dies the love connections continue. Ages 3-7.

*No New Baby, Marilyn Gryte*

Story for children whose mother miscarries. 3 to 7 years.

*Pablo Remembers, George Ancona*

Colorful story of the Mexican fiesta of the Day of the Dead and how Pablo commemorates those he loves. Ages 9-12.

*A Quilt for Elizabeth, Benette Tiffault*

Elizabeth and her grandmother make a quilt and share their stories and tears following the death of Elizabeth's father. Ages 4-8.

*Saying Goodbye, Jim Boulden*

Award-winning booklet with color-in cartoons, drawings and activities to help children understand the finality of death. Ages 4-12.

*Saying Goodbye to Daddy, Judith Vigna*

Clare's mother and grandfather help her cope with the sudden death of her daddy in a car accident. 5 to 8 years.

*\*The Snowman, Robin Helene Vogel*

Two brothers build a snowman in honor of their deceased father. 8 to 12 years.

*So Much to Think about, Fred Rogers*

Activity book for children dealing with the death of a loved one, right out of Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood.

*\*Something to Remember Me By, Susan V. Bosak*

Story of the relationship of a grandmother and granddaughter over the years. Age 10 and up.

*Tell Me Papa, Joy and Mary Johnson*

A grandfather explains what happens when someone dies and the meaning of the funeral. 4 to 8 years.

*\*The Tenth Good Thing about Barney, Judith Viorst*

Provocative book about the death and burial of a cat, about grief, and about what happens after death. Ages 4-8.

*The Velveteen Rabbit, Margery Williams*

Classic story of love and death, written from the point of view of a toy rabbit. Ages 4-adult.

*When I Die, Will I Get Better?, J. and P. Breebaart*

Story written by a 5-year-old boy, assisted by his father, about healing after the death of his young brother. Ages 5-adult.

*When Grandpa Came to Stay, Judith Caseley*

A child and grandparent learn that joy and sorrow are worth sharing, through a trip to the cemetery. 3 to 7 years.

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*\*A Taste of Blackberries, Doris Buchanan Smith*

A boy's friend dies after a bee sting. 10 to 13 years.

*\*The Education of Little Tree, Forrest Carter*

A boy loses both of his parents and goes to live with his Cherokee grandparents in the 1930s. Ages 12 to adult.

*\*The Empty Place, Roberta Termes*

A third-grade boy's big sister dies. He goes through lots of feelings and questions and gets help from his babysitter, who lost her own brother. 8 to 12 years.

*\*Hey, What's Wrong With This One? Maia Wojciechowska*

Three brothers grieve, each in their own way, for their mother. 10 to 13 years.

*\*I Heard Your Mommy Died, Mark Scrivani*

Read-aloud book about life after a mother's death. 2 to 6 years.

*\*Jungle Journey, Barbara McIntyre*

Animals take a journey through the jungle after the death of their beloved Eleanor the Elephant. Ages not listed.

*\*Just a Heartbeat Away, Gabriel Constan*

A mother dies of AIDS and her child is left behind. Ages not listed.

*\*Loss and How to Cope With It, Joanne E. Bernstein*

Talks about all kinds of losses. 12 to 16 years.

*\*Since My Brother Died, Marisol Munoz-Kiehne*

A young boy tells about his feelings, thoughts and experiences after his brother died. In both English and Spanish. Ages 4-8.

*\*To Hell with Dying, Alice Walker and Catherine Dieter*

Story of a child's experience of death through the family's friend Mr. Sweet. Ages 8-12.

*\*Where is Grandpa? T. A. Barron*

A young boy and his family remember his grandfather together. Ages 4-8.

*\*Where's Jess? Joy and Marv Johnson*

A young girl responds to her baby brother's death. 3 to 7 years.