

Erlbruch, Wolf. **Duck, Death and the Tulip.**

In this unusual yet warm story, Duck strikes up an unlikely friendship with Death. This quiet tale creates many opportunities for discussion with no specific answers. *Topics to Talk About*

Kuefler, Joseph. **Beyond the Pond.**

A boy discovers that the pond in his backyard contains a whole world ready to be explored. *Picture Books*

Levine, Arthur. **What a Beautiful Morning.**

Every morning is beautiful when Noah visits, but one summer Grandpa seems to have forgotten how to do the things they love. Does he even know who Noah is? This is a story about how love helps us find even what we think is lost. *Picture Books*

Lunde, Stein Erik. **My Father's Arms are a Boat.**

Unable to sleep, a young boy climbs into his father's arms to find answers and assurances. *Picture Books and Topics to Talk About*

Martins, Isabel. **Where Do We Go When We Disappear?**

Things in this world are always appearing and disappearing. But does a stone really vanish when it turns into sand? Do people ever really disappear? *Picture Books*

Mellonie, Bryan. **Lifetimes: A Beautiful Way to Explain Death to Children.** Every life has a beginning and an end and in between is a lifetime. *J 155.937 MEL*

Parr, Todd. **The Goodbye Book.**

An exploration of emotions and coping techniques accompanied by bright colors and approachable characters. *Topics to Talk About*

Rosen, Michael. **Michael Rosen's Sad Book.**

Rosen expresses his emotions over the death of his son and how he still tries to cope. *Topics to Talk About*

Zweibel, Alan. **Our Tree Named Steve.**

In a letter to his children, a father remembers the role Steve, the tree in their front yard, has played in their lives. *Picture Books*



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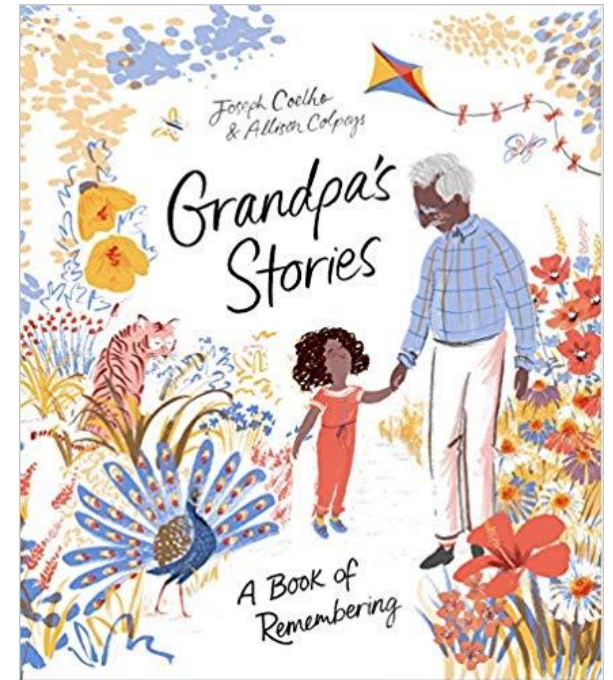
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TOPICS TO TALK ABOUT: DEATH & GRIEF



BOOKS TO SHARE WITH CHILDREN ABOUT DEATH, DYING AND GRIEF MANAGEMENT



Death of a Loved One

Alvarez, Julia. **Where Do They Go?**

Children wonder what happens to their loved ones after death. *Topics to Talk About*

Bley, Anette. **And What Comes After a**

Thousand? A little girl comes to understand that memories live beyond death. *Topics to Talk About*

Brown, Laurie Krasny. **When Dinosaurs Die.**

Explains in simple language the feelings people may have regarding the death of a loved ones and the ways to honor their memory. *J 155.936 BRO*

Bunting, Eve. **The Memory String.**

Still grieving for her mother, unable to accept her stepmother, a girl clings to memories represented by 43 buttons on a string. *Topics to Talk About*

Cobb, Rebecca. **Missing Mommy.**

Daddy comforts and reassures a very young boy after Mommy dies. *Topics to Talk About*

Coelho, Joseph. **Grandpa's Stories.**

A young girl reflects on a year of exploring and laughing with her beloved Grandpa, remembering many special moments. *Topics to Talk About*

Davies, Benji. **Grandad's Island.**

Syd and Grandad journey to a wild, beautiful island where Grandad decides he will remain. Syd hugs Grandad one last time and sets sail for home. *Picture Books*

Davies, Nicola. **The Pond.**

A young boy and his family are trying to overcome the loss of his father. The natural world becomes part of the healing process. *Topics to Talk About*

Higginbotham, Anastasia. **Death is Stupid.**

This exploration of grief and mourning recognizes the anger and confusion that a child feels around death while offering possibilities for celebrating life and love. *Topics to Talk About and J 155.937 HIG*

Loth, Sebastian. **Remembering Crystal.**

Zelda, a young goose, searches for her friend Crystal, a turtle. She eventually understands that

Crystal is gone, but lives on in Zelda's heart.

Topics to Talk About

Maier, Inger. **Ben's Flying Flowers.**

Emily introduces her younger brother, Ben, to butterflies, which he calls "flying flowers." After his death, she no longer wants to draw happy things. *Topics to Talk About*

Meng, Cece. **Always Remember.**

When Old Turtle dies and is taken back by the sea, his friends remember that he was a wonderful teacher and friend who made his world a better place. *Topics to Talk About*

Moundlic, Charlotte. **The Scar.**

When his mother dies, a little boy is angry at his loss, but does everything he can to hold onto his memories of her. *Topics to Talk About*

Portnoy, Mindy. **Where Do People Go When They Die?** Children ask adults and themselves about death, receiving a wide variety of answers. *J 155.937 POR*

Peacock, Thomas. **The Forever Sky.**

Two young Ojibwe brothers look to the stars and spin stories as they remember their grandmother. *Topics to Talk About*

Ringtved, Glenn. **Cry, Heart, But Never Break.**

Aware their grandmother is gravely ill, siblings make a pact to keep death from taking her. Death arrives and, with a story, helps them to realize the value of loss to life and the importance of being able to say goodbye. *Topics to Talk About*

Sriram, Meera. **The Yellow Suitcase.**

Asha travels with her parents from America to India to mourn her grandmother's passing. When she discovers a gift left just for her, Asha realizes that the memory of her grandmother will live on inside her. *Topics to Talk About*

Xiaoqing, Jin. **I Miss My Grandpa.**

A child asks different family members about her late grandfather and learns about him through the features he passed down to his children and grandchildren. *Topics to Talk About*

Death of a Pet

Becker, Aaron. **A Stone for Sascha.**

A young girl, still reeling from her dog's death, finds solace while picking up stones on the beach. *Picture Books*

Harris, Robie H. **Goodbye, Mousie.**

A boy grieves for his dead pet, helps to bury him, and begins to come to terms with his loss. *Topics to Talk About*

Lies, Brian. **The Rough Patch.**

Farmer Evan and his dog do everything together. When his dog passes away, Evan lets his garden fill with weeds until a pumpkin vine brings new hope. *Topics to Talk About*

Rogers, Fred. **When a Pet Dies.**

Explores the feelings of sadness, frustration and loneliness that a child might feel when a pet dies. *J 155.957 ROG*

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. **Blue.**

Simple, rhyming text celebrates the many shades of blue seen during the relationship of a boy and his dog as they both grow and age. *Picture Books*

Viorst, Judith. **The Tenth Good Thing about**

Barney. A grieving boy tries to think about the ten best things about his cat. *Topics to Talk About*

Grief Management & Concepts of Life, Death and Love

Agell, Charlotte. **Maybe Tomorrow?**

Elba carries a black block of grief and sadness wherever she goes--until Norris comes along and helps her to enjoy life again. *Topics to Talk About*

Brown, Margaret Wise. **The Dead Bird.**

When they find a dead bird, a group of children bury it, sing a song to it, and put flowers on the grave. *Topics to Talk About*

Doerrfeld, Cori. **The Rabbit Listened.**

When Taylor's block castle is destroyed, all the animals think they know just what to do, but only the rabbit quietly listens to how Taylor is feeling. *Picture Books and Topics to Talk About*