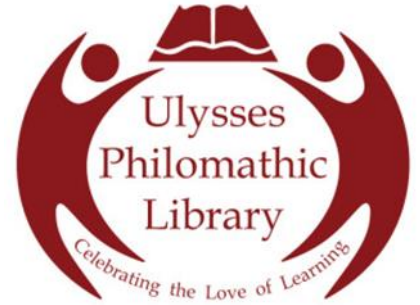


Death, Grief, and Loss: a library guide



What Happened to Daddy's Body? (ages 2-7)

E Barber

This picture book aims to help children understand what happens to the body after death. It covers cremation, burial and spreading ashes by answering questions that Alex, a three year old boy, asked his mum after the death of his father.

The End of Something Wonderful: a practical guide to a backyard funeral (ages 5-8)

E Lucianovic

A picture book that endeavors to help children in their understanding and acceptance of the death of a pet, providing step-by-step advice for burying, reminiscing, and grieving.

Goodbye, friend! Hello, friend! (ages 4-8)

E Doerrfeld

Two best friends understand that saying goodbye to one experience means saying hello to the next (including the loss of a family pet), but that does not make it easier when one friend has to move away.

Addy's Cup of Sugar: a Stillwater tale (ages 4-8)

E Muth

In this reworking of the Buddhist parable Stillwater, a giant panda, teaches Addy that the grief she feels for the loss of her kitten is part of life and is shared by everybody.

Cry Heart, but Never Break (ages 6-8)

E Ringtved

Aware their grandmother is gravely ill, four siblings make a pact to keep death from taking her away. But Death does arrive all the same, as it must, and he comes with enough time to share a story with the children that helps them to realize the value of loss to life and the importance of being able to say goodbye.

The Garden We Share (ages 5-9)

E Tucker

A young girl and an elderly woman plant seeds in a community garden alongside friends and neighbors, waiting for the seeds to flower. At harvest, the young girl's elderly friend is bed-ridden, but jubilant as they share baskets with red tomatoes and snap peas amid the sweet smell of lavender. When the last leaves fall, everything is different. But in the spring, hope arises anew.

Something very sad happened: a toddler's guide to understanding death (ages 2-4)

E Zucker

Intended to be read to two- and three-year-old children to help them understand death and process the loss of a loved one. The book includes a "How to use this book" section and a "Note to parent and caregivers" that provides more detail and suggestions for helping children cope with death and with the funeral process.

Grief: insights and tips for teenagers (for ages 12 and up)

YA 155.9 Jansen

A valuable resource for teenagers experiencing grief due to the loss of a friend or family member. It provides insights to help them understand what they are going through and includes tips and resources from both experts and young adults on how to cope with their grief.

A Last Goodbye (ages 4-8)

J 155.9 Kelsey

From elephants to killer whales, many animals have rituals to commemorate their loved ones and to help them through difficult times. This book broaches a difficult and scary topic through a gentle and heartfelt exploration of the natural stages of life and loss. The book goes on to explore the ways our bodies might be remembered by the earth, repurposed to continue replenishing new life.

The Weird Things That Happen When Someone You Love Dies: a book of lists (ages 8-12)

J 155.9 Schmidt

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