Books about

Grief for kids





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Dealing with: when people die by Jane Lacey J155.9 LACEY

Death is difficult to deal with at any age, but for children who are handling it for the first time, it can be extra tough. Whether it is a friend, family member, or acquaintance who has passed away, readers will learn about the best ways to handle death. Presented in a way readers of all ages can understand.



Rafi's red racing car: explaining suicide and grief to young children by Louise Moir

J362.2 MOIR

Rafi loves playing with his racing cars with his father, so when Daddy becomes sick and takes his life, Rafi needs help understanding and coping with his feelings. Includes notes for caregivers.



Mom's sweater by Jayde Perkin PICTURE BOOK PERKIN

After the loss of her mother, a young girl and her dad find a new way to live with grief with the help of her mom's sweater.



My big, dumb, invisible dragon by Angie Lucas PICTURE BOOK LUCAS

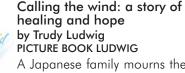
The day a young boy loses his mother, an invisible dragon swoops in and stays with him, weighing him down day and night until, at last, their relationship changes



Two by Kathryn Otoshi PICTURE BOOK OTOSHI

TWO's best friend is ONE...until THREE jumps in between them. A powerful story of friendship, loss, letting go, and self-discovery





A Japanese family mourns the loss of a wife and mother by making origami cranes and using the Wind Telephone to communicate their feelings of loss and yearning.



Sweet, sweet memory by Jacqueline Woodson PICTURE BOOK WOODSON

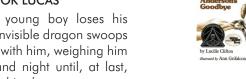
A child and her grandmother feel sad when Grandpa dies, but as time passes, funny memories of him make them laugh and feel better.



Everett Anderson's goodbye by Lucille Clifton PICTURE BOOK CLIFTON

Everett Anderson has a difficult time coming to terms with his grief after his father dies.







The heart and the bottle by Oliver Jeffers PICTURE BOOK JEFFERS

After safeguarding her heart in a bottle hung around her neck, a girl finds the bottle growing heavier and her interest in things around her (1) becoming smaller.



The land of yesterday by K. A. Reynolds JFICTION REYNOLDS

After Cecelia Dahl's little brother, Celadon, dies tragically, his soul goes where all souls go: the Land of Yesterday -- and Cecelia is left behind in a fractured world without him. Her beloved house's spirit is crumbling, her father is imprisoned by sorrow, and worst of all, her grief-stricken mother abandons the land of the living to follow Celadon.



Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson JFICTION PATERSON

Bird in a box

overcome.

The only game

by Mike Lupica

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JFICTION PINKNEY

by Andrea Davis Pinkney

Living in rural Virginia, ten-year-old Jess and Leslie become special friends as they create a magical secret world that they call Terabithia. But when a tragic accident causes Leslie's death during a storm, Jess is forced to face life alone.

In 1936, three children meet at the Mercy

Home for Negro Orphans in New York

State, and while not all three are orphans,

they are all dealing with grief and loss

which together, along with the help of a

sympathetic staff member and the boxing matches of Joe Louis, they manage to

Sixth grade is supposed to be the year

that Jack Callahan would lead his team

to a record-shattering season and the

Little League World Series, but after the

death of his brother he loses interest in



Harry and Hopper by Margaret Wild PICTURE BOOK 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.



Missing May by Cynthia Rylant JFICTION RYLANT

After the death of the beloved aunt



who has raised her, twelve-vear-old Summer and her uncle Ob leave their West Virginia trailer in search of the strength to go on living.



The one left behind by Willo Davis Roberts JFICTION ROBERTS

Mandy's life changes forever when her ten-year-old twin sister eats a hamburger tainted with E coli and dies.



King and the dragonflies by Kacen Callender JFICTION CALLENDER

Twelve-year-old Kingston James is sure his LE brother Khalid has turned into a dragonfly. When Khalid unexpectedly passed away, he shed what was his first skin for another to live down by the bayou in their small Louisiana town. Khalid still visits in dreams, and King must keep these secrets to himself as he watches grief transform his family.



My father's words by Patricia MacLachlan

Declan O'Brien's family loved him



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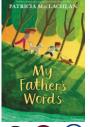
deeply, but a terrible accident one day changes their lives forever, and Fiona and Finn O'Brien are left without a father. Their mother is at a loss. What words are there to guide them through such overwhelming grief...





Mr. Gedrick and me by Patrick Carman JFICTION CARMAN

Stanley Darrow is certain that his family could use help: Their lives and their house have been a mess since Stanley's dad died. Mr. Gedrick helps them transform their cluttered home, but it's going to take more than a clean house to help the Darrow family learn to live and love again.





baseball and only Cassie, star of the airls' softball team, seems to understand.



Another kind of hurricane by Tamara Ellis Smith JFICTION SMITH

The world, itself, seems to bring together Henry, whose best friend died near their home in the mountains of Vermont, and Zavion, who lost his home in Hurricane Katrina, so that the boys can help each other heal.

