Recommended Books on Death, Grief and Loss

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Below is a selective list of recommended books. There are many excellent books dealing with death, grief and loss available for both children and adults. Many are offered by the Centering Corporation and Compassion Books—good places to start when looking for grief resources (links at the end of this document). Libraries and online booksellers are also good sources for researching and finding what is available.

Books should always be reviewed with thoughtful consideration before using with children.

PICTURE BOOKS


**Annie and the Old One** by Miska Miles, illustrated by Peter Parnall. Little Brown and Co., 1971.


**Grandpa’s Song** by Tony Johnston, pictures by Brad Sneed, Dial Books for Young Readers, 1991.


**The Next Place** by Warren Hanson. Waldman House Press, 1997


**CHAPTER BOOKS**

**A Monster Calls** by Patrick Ness, inspired by an idea from Siobhan Dowd, illustrated by Jim Kay, Candlewick Press, 2011.


**Bridge to Terabithia** by Katherine Paterson. Crowell, 1977.

**Each Little Bird That Sings** by Deborah Wiles, Scholastic, 2005.


**If Only** by Carole Geithner, Scholastic Press, 2012.


**The Fault is in Our Stars** by John Green, Dutton Books, 2012.


**PICTURE BOOKS WITH PROVOCATIVE METAPHORS**

*Especially good for older readers and adults.*


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TEACHING DEATH CONCEPTS


**ADULT READERS**


*Why Suicide: Questions & Answers About Suicide, Suicide Prevention, and Coping with the Suicide of Someone You Know* by Eric Marcus, HarperOne, 2010.

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WORKBOOKS


Beyond the Rainbow: A Workbook for Children in the Advance Stages of a Very Serious Illness by Marge Heegaard.

Fire in My Heart, Ice in My Veins: A Journal for Teenagers Experiencing a Loss by Enid Traisman.


Living Well with My Serious Illness by Marge Heegaard.

Saying Goodbye to Your Pet by Marge Heegaard.


When Someone has a Very Serious Illness by Marge Heegaard.


SOURCES FOR GRIEF-RELATED BOOKS, LITERATURE, AND VIDEOS

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