

# Parents Corner Topics: Explaining Loss

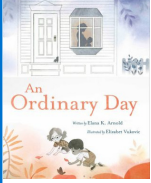


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## An Ordinary Day Elana K. Arnold

An ordinary day in an ordinary neighborhood turns out to be extraordinary in this story about new life, death, and family.



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## Dance Like a Leaf A.J. Irving

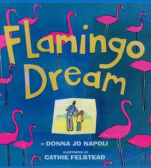
As her grandmother's health declines, a young girl begins to take the lead in their cozy shared autumn traditions.



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## Flamingo Dream Donna Jo Napoli

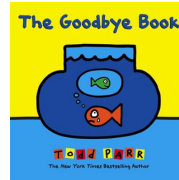
Grieving over her father's death from cancer, a young girl celebrates their last year together by making a book that includes mementos and a story.



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## The Goodbye Book Todd Parr

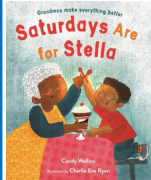
Illustrations and brief text relate how a person might feel when they lose someone they love.



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WELL, C**

## Saturdays are for Stella Candy Welling

George loves spending Saturdays with his grandmother, Stella. One day, Stella is gone and George is ready to cancel Saturdays—until a new addition to the family arrives and George finds a way to honor the memories of his beloved grandmother.



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## The Funeral Matt James

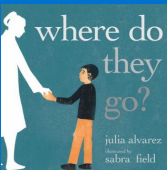
Norma and her parents are going to her great-uncle Frank's funeral, and Norma is more excited than sad. She is looking forward to playing with her favorite cousin, Ray, but when she arrives at the church, she is confronted with rituals and ideas that have never occurred to her before.



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## Where Do They Go? Julia Alvarez

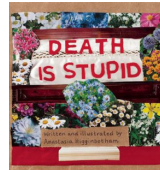
Children wonder what happens to their loved ones after death.



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## Death is Stupid Anastasia Higgenbotham

Walks through the emotions and confusion it is common for young people to experience when someone dies, and describes some of the ways to celebrate love and life.



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ROBE, J  
(PC)**

What Happens When a Loved One Dies?: Our First Talk About Death

Jillian Roberts

Whether children are experiencing grief and loss for the first time or simply curious, it can be difficult to know how to talk to them about death.



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TINN, T**

Lost in the Clouds

Tom Tinn-Disbury

When we lose someone, we wish we could still see, feel, and hear them. Billy misses his mummy very much. He likes to imagine she is always around him, up in the clouds.

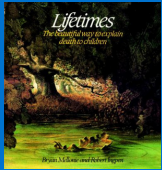


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MELL, B  
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Lifetimes: the Beautiful Way to Explain Death to Children

Bryan Mellonie

Lifetimes is a moving book for children of all ages, even parents too. It lets us explain life and death in a sensitive, caring, beautiful way. With large, wonderful illustrations, it tells about plants. About animals. About people. It tells that dying is as much a part of living as being born. It helps us to remember. It helps us to understand.

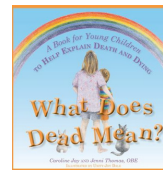


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JAY, C**

What Does Dead Mean?: a Book for Young Children to Help Explain Death and Dying

Caroline Jay

A beautifully illustrated book that guides children gently through 17 of the 'big' questions they often ask about death and dying. Questions such as 'Is being dead like sleeping?', 'Why do people have to die?' and 'Where do dead people go?' are answered simply, truthfully and clearly to help adults explain to children what happens when someone dies.



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GEME, D**

The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise

Dan Gemeinhart

Living on the road in an old school bus with her dad after losing her mother and sisters, 12-year-old Coyote devises an elaborate plan to convince her father to make a first trip home to Washington state in five years, a journey marked by an eclectic group of passengers they meet along the way.



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WARG, J**

The Shape of Thunder

Jasmine Warga

Estranged from the best friend whose brother killed her sister in a school shooting, a grieving Cora receives a message on her twelfth birthday from her friend, asking for her help with creating a time portal to prevent the tragedy.



## MORE BOOKS ABOUT LOSS:

Saying Goodbye to Lulu | P Demas

Bear and Bird | P Skofield

When Grandfather Flew | YF MacLachlan

King and the Dragonflies | J Callendar

Worst-Case Collin | J Caprara