

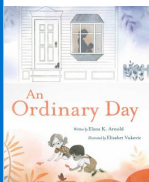
# Parents Corner Topics: Explaining Loss



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## An Ordinary Day Elana K. Arnold

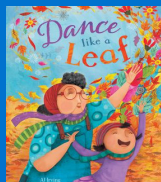
An ordinary day in an ordinary neighborhood turns out to be extraordinary in this story about new life, death, and family.



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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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PAQU, A**

## All From a Walnut Ammi-Joan Paquette

Following a family tradition, Grandpa gives Emilia a walnut and together they plant and care for it, but as her little nut grows into a tree, Grandpa begins to slow down until one sad day Emilia has to say goodbye.



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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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## Dadaji's Paintbrush Rashmi Sirdeshpande

Once, in a tiny village in India, there was a young boy who loved to paint. He lived with his grandfather, who taught him to paint with his fingers. After his grandfather dies, the boy notices a little box wrapped in string with a note that read: "From Dadaji, with love," with his grandfather's best paintbrush tucked away inside. But he feels he will never want to paint again. Will the boy overcome his grief and find joy in painting and his dadaji's memory again?



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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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JAME, M**

## 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.



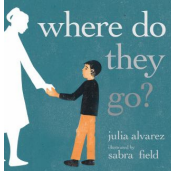
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## Sitting Shiva Erin Silver

In this gorgeously illustrated, deeply moving picture book, a young girl learns about the practice of sitting shiva after her mother dies.



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Where Do They Go?  
Julia Alvarez

Children wonder what happens to their loved ones after death.

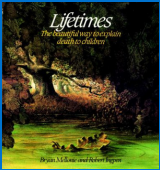
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Lost in the Clouds  
Tom Tinn-Disbury

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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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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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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Where the Sky Lives  
Margaret Dilloway

Struggling with grief over her uncle's death, twelve-year-old amateur astronomer Tuesday Beals makes a discovery that could save her favorite astronomy spots in Zion National Park from the threat of a new housing development.

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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

Death is Stupid | POR Higgenbotham

What Does Dead Mean? | PT 155.9 JAY, C