

# Parents Corner Topics: Explaining Loss

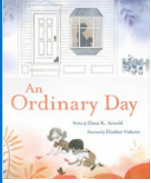


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ARNO, E**

## 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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BERN, S**

## Berenstain Bears Lose a Friend Stan Berenstain

Sister Bear loves feeding and taking care of her pet goldfish, Goldie...But when Papa and Mama find Goldie floating belly-up one morning, they worry about how Sister will feel. How will the Bear family cope with the loss of Goldie, the best goldfish in the world?



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NAPO, D**

## 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

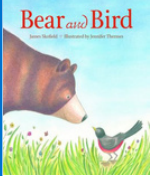
Illustrations and brief text relate how a person might feel when they lose someone they love.



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## Bear and Bird James Skofield

After Ivan's parents separate, he has trouble finding joy at either of their homes until he discovers that the birds and music that he loves may be found in both places.



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JAME, M**

## The Funeral Matt James

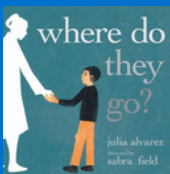
Norma and her parents are going to her great-uncle Frank's funeral, and Norma is more excited than sad. She is looking forward to playing with her favorite cousin, Ray, but when she arrives at the church, she is confronted with rituals and ideas that have never occurred to her before.



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ALVA, J  
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## Where Do They Go? Julia Alvarez

Children wonder what happens to their loved ones after death.



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HIGG, A  
(PC)**

## 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. Using questions posed in a child's voice and answers that start simply and become more in-depth, this book allows adults to guide the conversation to a natural and reassuring conclusion.

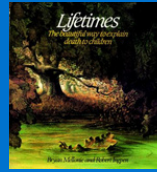


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MELL, B  
(PC)**

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.

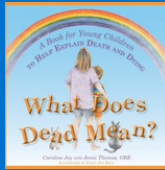


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JAY, C**

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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BENJ, A**

The Thing About Jellyfish

Ali Benjamin

Twelve-year-old Suzy Swanson wades through her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for her friend's death.



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LITT, K**

When the Butterflies Came

Kimberly Griffiths Little

Tara Doucet is grieving for her grandmother, and her family is falling apart around her, but it seems like her grandmother has preplanned an elaborate itinerary for her to follow which will lead her and her sister Riley from Louisiana to a South Pacific island and into danger--and everywhere she turns butterflies follow.



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REDM, J**

The Miraculous

Jess Redman

After losing his faith in miracles after the death of his newborn sister, 11-year-old Wunder Ellis meets a mysterious old woman who needs his help to reconnect the living and the dead, bringing himself and his town face-to-face with miracles.



## MORE BOOKS ABOUT LOSS:

Saying Goodbye to Lulu | P Demas

Always and Forever | P Durant

Ben's Flying Flowers | PT J 155.937 (PC)

The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise

| J Gemeinhart

When Dinosaurs Die | J 155.9 BROWN

Something Very Sad Happened | J 155.9 ZUCKER