

BOOKS ON DEATH OF A PARENT

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>READER/LISTENER AUDIENCE</u>
<u>THE BRIGHTEST STAR*</u>	Kathleen Maresh Hemery	(Grades pre-3)
Molly was scared when her mom was in the hospital and angry when her mother died. Molly discovers that love never dies and that memories stay with you forever.		
<u>AFTER CHARLOTTE'S MOM DIED*</u>	Cornelia Spelman	(Grades k-2)
Charlotte's mom died 6 months earlier in a car accident. This story depicts how she struggles with her emotions and ways she learns to express them.		
<u>CHILDREN ARE NOT PAPER DOLLS*</u>	Erin Linn	(Grades k-3)
A book written to help children understand that they aren't alone in their feelings of grief and that grieving is normal and necessary.		
<u>DAD! WHY'D YOU LEAVE ME?*</u>	Dorothy R. Frost	(Grades 4-6)
A 10-year old boy struggles to learn how to cope with his father's death.		
<u>DADDY AND ME*</u>	Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe	(Grades pre-3)
A warm and moving photo story of Arthur Ashe's relationship with his daughter, Camera.		
<u>DADDY'S CLIMBING TREE</u>	C.S. Adler	(Grades 3-6)
Shortly after moving from their old farmhouse, Jessica's father is hit by a car while out jogging. Unable to accept his death, Jessica sets out on a journey to their former home and the giant beech tree, where she imagines she will find her father. It is there that she at last accepts the reality of her father's death and her own grief.		
<u>DADDY'S PROMISE*</u>	Cindy Klein Cohen, John T. Heiney	(Grades k-4)
This is about a little boy's journey of discovery after the death of his father. It answers common questions children have about death as well as suggestions for coping.		
<u>EDDIE AND HIS DAD*</u>	Bonnie Rufty McGowarn	(Grades k-4)
A grief program about the loss of a father told through the eyes of a young elephant named Eddie.		
<u>EVERETT ANDERSON'S GOOD-BYE*</u>	Lucille Clifton	(Grades pre-1)
Everett struggles through denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance after his Dad dies.		
<u>GERANIUM MORNING*</u>	E. Sandy Powell	(Grades k-3)
A boy's dad dies suddenly in an accident, and he feels very guilty for not having gone with him. Then he meets a girl whose mom is dying of cancer. Together they talk about their feelings, and help each other to feel better.		
<u>GOOD-BYE CHICKEN LITTLE</u>	Betsy Byars	(Grades 1-4)
Jimmie Little is scared ever since his father died. He nicknames himself "Chicken Little." Then he sees his Uncle die. With the help of his wacky family, he learns to celebrate their lives and chase away Chicken Little.		
<u>HOUSE WITHOUT A CHRISTMAS TREE</u>	Gail Rock	(Grades 4-6)
A 10-year old girl's mother dies of pneumonia. Her father thinks she should get on with her life rather than mourn. In the end, the father begins to grieve with her.		
<u>HOW IT FEELS WHEN A PARENT DIES*</u>	Jill Krementz	(Grades 4-9)
Eighteen children talk about their parents dying due to different causes, funerals, peers, guilt, etc.		

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I HEARD YOUR DADDY DIED* Mark Scrivani (Grades pre-k)
A book for young children who have had a dad die. It encourages discussion and lets children know that all feelings are normal.

I HEARD YOUR MOMMY DIED* Mark Scrivani (Grades pre-k)
A book for young children who have had a mom die. It encourages discussion and lets children know that all feelings are normal.

THE LAST INVISIBLE BOY Evan Kuhlman (Grades 3-8)
A 12 year old's father dies and he feels like he is becoming invisible. The book talks about he changes that happened to him after his father died.

**LEARNING TO SAY GOOD-BYE:
WHEN A PARENT DIES*** Eda J. LeShan (Grades 6-9)
Talks about when a parent dies, the fantasies, emotions, etc. Very honest, and helpful.

MOLLY'S MOM DIED* Margaret M. Holmes (Grades k-3)
Molly talks about the feelings she has been having since the death of her mother. Includes information for caregivers.

**RACHEL & THE UPSIDE DOWN HEART:
A TRUE STORY*** Eileen Douglas (Grades pre-2)
Rachel's father dies, and she and her mother move to the city. She draws her feelings and memories.

THE RAG COAT* Lauren Mills (Grades k-3)
A story about a girl and her rag coat that has memories about many people including her father who has died.

SAM'S DAD DIED* Margaret M. Holmes (Grades k-3)
It makes Sam feel better to talk about the death of his father; even when he cries which can be embarrassing sometimes. This book helps open communication between adult and child. Includes information for caregivers.

SAYING GOODBYE TO DADDY* Judith Vigna (Grades k-3)
Emotions of confusion, resentment, grief and fear are highlighted after Clare's father is killed suddenly in a car accident. Clare's mother and grandfather, themselves grief-stricken, help her through the funeral and her sorrow.

**THE SNOWMAN:
A BOOK ABOUT CHILDREN AND GRIEF*** Robin Helene Vogel (Grades pre-3)
While Tom and Buddy build a snowman, they talk about memories of their father and even about being mad at him for dying. They use their dad's hat and scarf to decorate the snowman. They both learn that all feelings are okay.

WINTER HOLDING SPRING Crescent Dragonwagon (Grades k-3)
Young Sarah and her father try to find some meaning after the death of Sarah's mother.

WITH YOU AND WITHOUT YOU Ann M. Martin (Grades 3-6)
Liza's father is very seriously sick, and they have to make this their last Christmas together a really special one. Then her dad dies, and life is even harder than Liza thought it would be.

ZORA HURSTON & THE CHINABERRY TREE William Miller (Grades 1-4)
A picture-book biography that tells the story of 9-year Zora's sadness following the death of her mother and how her mother's spirit remains with her.

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