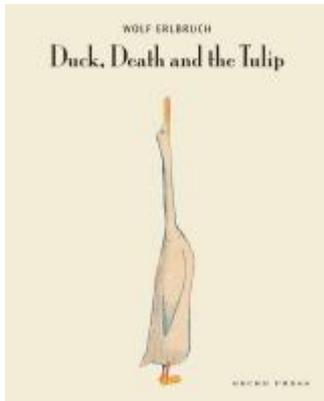


HWA Recommended books for kids and teens on death and grief.

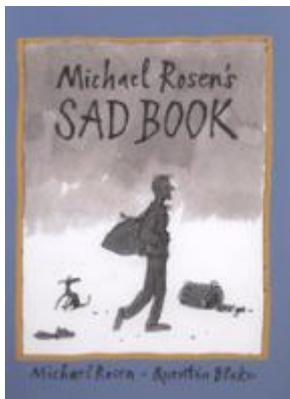


Death, Duck and the Tulip. Wolf Erlbruch

In a strangely heart-warming story, a duck strikes up an unlikely friendship with Death. Death, Duck and the Tulip will intrigue, haunt, and enchant readers of all ages. Simple, warm, and witty, this book deals with a difficult subject in a way that is elegant, straightforward, and life-affirming.

Available at Auckland Libraries

\$ 30.00 RRP

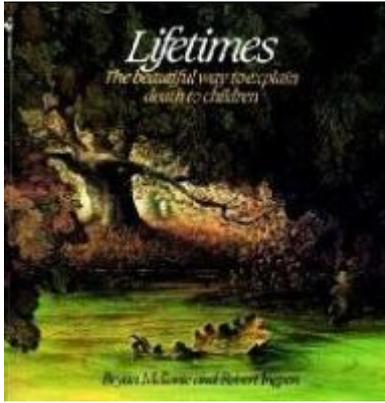


Sad Book, Michael Rosen

This beautifully illustrated book chronicles Michael Rosen's grief after the death of his son Eddie from meningitis at the age of 19. A moving combination of sincerity and simplicity, it acknowledges that sadness is not always avoidable nor reasonable and perfects the art of making complicated feelings plain.

Available at Auckland Libraries

\$ 22.00 paperback RRP



Beginnings and Endings with Lifetimes in between. Bryan Mellonie & Robert Ingpen

There is a beginning and and and and ending to everything that is alive. In between is a lifetime. It is the same for people as it is for plants and animals, even for the tiniest insects. Lifetimes helps with children and parents to remember, to understand and to explain that dying as as much a part of living as being born. A moving and Beautiful book

Also available in a Tongan translated version.

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\$23.00 paperback RRP



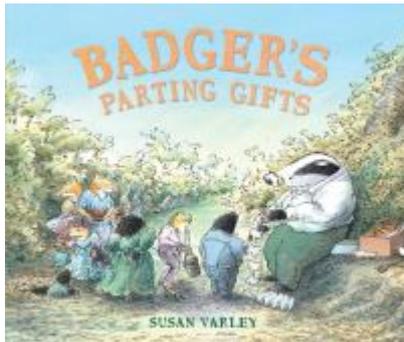
Old Hu-Hu. Kyle Mewburn

Old Hu-Hu is a thoughtful tale of a young Hu-Hu-Tu's search for understanding of what happened to his beloved Old Hu-Hu, who flew all the way to the moon, (or so they said), then fell down dead. Sensitive written, this is a beautiful story of a death and the celebration of life, with powerful, evocative illustrations. It helps to explain death and will reassure young children that the spirit of someone can still live on.

Also available in a Maori translation.

Available at Auckland Libraries

\$20.00 RRP

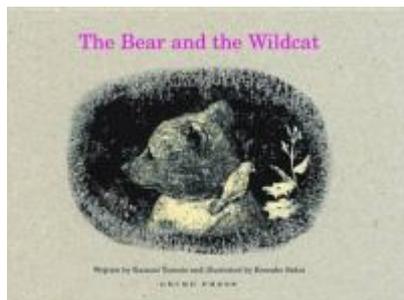


Badger's parting Gifts. Susan Varley

Badger's friends learn to come to terms with his death by remembering all the special things that Badger taught them.

Available at Auckland Libraries

\$19.00 RRP



The Bear and the Wildcat. Kazumi Yumoto

Ages 4-12 years

This will extraordinary picture book tells the story of a bear whose best friend, a small bird, has died. The reader follows Bear as he mourns his companion but also as he begins to find renewed meaning in his life. Intricately layered pencil illustrations accompany the tale to create a story that is moving and also filled with hope. This is a poignant book that can support discussion of bereavement with older children.

Available at Auckland Libraries

\$30.00 RRP



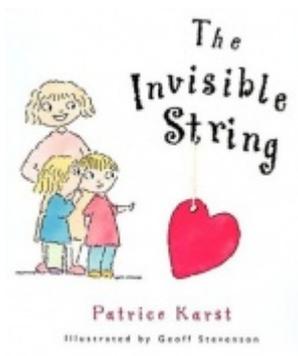
Luna's Red Hat. Emmi Smid

Ages 6+ years

This beautifully -illustrated story book is designed as a tool to be read with children age 6 + who have experienced the loss of a loved one by suicide. Suicide always causes shock, not just for the family members but for everyone around them, and children also have to deal with these feelings. This book will be valuable to anyone working with, or caring for, children bereaved by suicide.

Available at Auckland Libraries

\$28.00 RRP

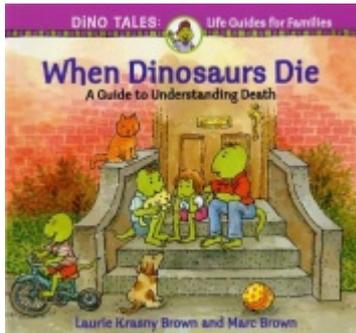


The Invisible String

10-14 years

The Invisible String is part of my social skills/feelings book purchases. This is a story about how twins realize there is an invisible string connecting all people who love one another you can feel it in your heart and always be connected, even from afar. Beautiful. Delicate. Perfect for: dealing with loss, moving, friendship issues, family problems, nighttime fears Quite the special book.

RRP \$29.99

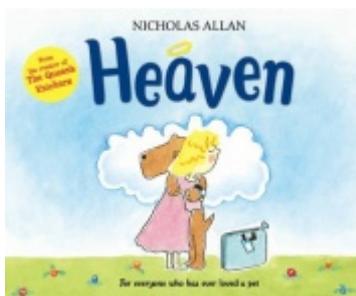


When Dinosaurs Die: A guide to understanding death. Laurie Kransy Brown & Marc Brown

2-4 years

An excellent resource for children when they try to grasp the concept of death and understand grieving, recommended for children who have faced or are facing loss, but also for any child even before an urgent need presents itself. Presented in a respectful and unthreatening manner, this book will prove immensely valuable for children and their families.

RRP \$27.00

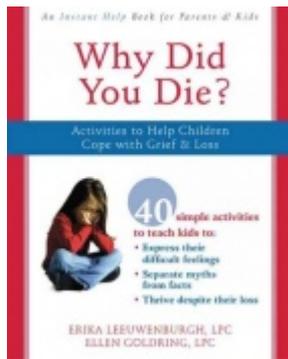


Heaven: for everyone who has loved a pet. Nicholas Allan

2-4 years

Dill the dog knows his time is up so he packs his case and tells Lily, his owner, that he's off "up there". "Can I come too?" asks Lily. "Er ...not yet," replies Dill. While he is waiting for the angels to collect him, Dill explains to Lily what he thinks heaven is like: hundreds of lampposts to pee against, lots of whiffy things to smell and bones everywhere - with meat on them! But Lily completely disagrees, she thinks heaven is quite different. Luckily, they agree to disagree just in time for a fond, and very poignant, last goodbye. Nicholas Allan is unique among picture book creators for his combination of off-beat humour and child appeal.

RRP \$24.00

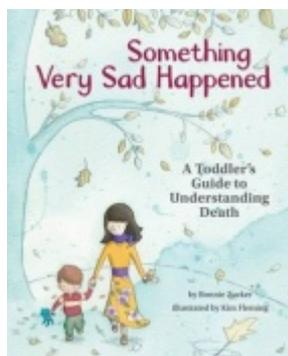


Why did you die? 40 simple activities to help children with grief and loss. Erica Leeuwenburgh and Ellen Goldring

15+ years

When a loved one dies, children are faced with a kaleidoscope of feelings, thoughts, myths, and questions. The situation can also lead to anxiety and other psychological problems. These issues can in particular manifest themselves at school: ten percent find that their school grades drop. Other problems can include difficulty falling asleep, fatigue and mood swings, shortened attention spans and a fear of separation. First section of this book is for parents and describes children's grief process. Using an art therapy approach, the activities described then move children through the issues they must eventually confront. In a direct, yet non-threatening manner, this workbook will help children learn, grow, and continue to thrive.

RRP \$38.00



Something Very Sad Happened. Bonnie Zucker

2-3 years

When a loved one dies, it can be hard to know how to explain it to a young child, particularly if you are grieving the loss yourself. Sensitively written and gently illustrated, *Something Very Sad Happened* explains death in developmentally appropriate terms for two- and three-year-old children. It reassures the child that it is okay to feel sad, and that love never dies. Includes a Note to Parents and Caregivers with more information about how to talk about death, answer your child's questions, and maintain your connection throughout the grieving process.

RRP \$32.00