

Title	Author	Details
Information or workbooks		
What does Dead mean?	Caroline Jay and Jenni Thomas	A simple book with questions and answers for young children. Also ideal to help adults in knowing how to answer the many questions young children may pose.
I Miss You <i>A first look at death</i>	Pat Thomas	A simple picture book explaining the concept of death.
When Dinosaurs die: A guide to understanding Death	Laurie Krasny Brown and Marc Brown	A book featuring dinosaurs finding out about death, dying and feelings about death.
When Uncle Bob died	Althea	A thoughtful book exploring the feelings and concerns of young children.
Sad isn't Bad- a good grief guidebook for kids dealing with loss	Michaelene Mundy	An 'elf- help book' with guidance on coping with death for children.
What on earth do you do when someone dies?	Trevor Romain	A clear and easily accessible book covering the key questions a child might have when someone dies. Suitable for older primary
I have a question about Death	Arlen Grad Gaines and Meredith Englander Polsky	A book for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder or Special Needs. With clear and straightforward questions and answers to explore what death means using clear Communicate in Print style symbols and illustrations. Useful for a wide audience of children not just those with SEND.
I Miss my sister	Sarah Courtauld	A short picture book about a young girl grieving after the death of her sister. Available from: www.childbereavementuk.org .
Someone I know has Died	Child Bereavement UK	A workbook for young children who want to remember someone who has died Key Stage 1 Available from: www.childbereavementuk.org
Grief Encounter	Shelley Gilbert	An excellent workbook with a whole range of activities to encourage conversations about loss between children and adults-
Muddles, Puddles and Sunshine	Winston's Wish	A book detailing lots of activities a bereaved child can do to help them explore their feelings and hold on to memories.
Remembering	Dianne Leutner and Daniel Postgate	An awarding winning book prompting children to explore and record their memories of a special person after they have died.
Out of the Blue- Making Memories last when some one has died	Julie Stones and Paul Oakley Winston's Wish	Similar to Muddles, Puddles and Sunshine but with older pupils in mind.
Red Chocolate Elephants	Diana Sands	A book and DVD specifically to support children bereaved by suicide.
Ask Me	Antje Damm	A book full of questions designed to encourage children to talk and discuss- includes questions about feelings and loss

Bad Times Rhymes	Edited by Shelley Gilbert	A collection of poems about bereavement by children for children. Includes winners of the National Bad Times Rhymes poetry competition.
Story books with themes about bereavement or loss or the associated feelings		
Always & Forever	Alan Durrant	A story about grieving animal friends and their memories.
No Matter What	Debi Gliori	A reassuring story about being loved even when someone has died.
Chocolate Chipped	Shelley Gilbert & Vicky Baruch	A <i>Smelly</i> Book about Grief. A young boys story about coping with death of his Dad with rub and sniff pages! Great to use to initiate conversation and of course, to smell.
A Place in my Heart	Annette Aubrey	A helpful story about a little boy trying to understand his feelings after his Grandad has died.
Is Daddy coming back in a minute?	Elke and Alex Barber	An honest autobiographical story of a little boy trying to make sense of his Daddy's sudden death from a heart attack.
Sad Book	Michael Rosen	A fantastic book exploring the feelings of sadness when someone is bereaved.
The Scar	Charlotte Moundlic	An honest, emotional and powerful story featuring a young boy telling his story of his mother dying.
Missing Mummy	Rebecca Cobb	A moving and sensitive story about a girl missing her mum and making sense of her grief.
Granpa	John Burningham	A subtle picture book exploring the relationship between a granpa and his granddaughter until his death.
Remembering Mum	Ginnie Perkins	A real story with photos of two young boys remembering their mum.
A Sky of Diamonds	Camille Gibbs	The story of a girl whose life loses all its colour when her mum dies. She and her dad find ways to grieve and hold onto their special memories.
Fred	Posy Simmons	A cartoon strip book about two children mourning for their pet cat Fred
Sammy in the Sky	Barbara Walsh and Jamie Wyeth	A beautifully illustrated tale about a child's grief at the death of their beloved dog Sammy.
Missing Jack	Rebecca Elliott	A sensitive story about the loss of a beloved cat and all the reasons why he was the best cat ever.
Grandad's Ashes	Walter Smith	A story about some grandchildren and their quest to find the right place to scatter their grandad's ashes. Useful to explore the idea of cremation and finding a favourite place.
The Heart and the Bottle	Oliver Jeffers	A beautiful picture book following a story of a girl whose grief hurts so much she puts her heart in a bottle to protect it.
Rafi's Red Racing Car	Louise Moir	A story about a Rafi the rabbit beginning to understand about his Daddy's suicide.
Luna's Red Hat	Emmi Smid	A moving story of a girl making sense of her mother's death by suicide.
My Dad has Wings	Retold by Jude Coupland	A story written by a real family trying to make sense of the death of their dad and imagine him now as an angel. Available from: www.mydadhaswings.co.uk
Samantha Jane's Missing Smile	Julie Kaplow, Donna B. Pincus and Beth Spiegel	A story about coping with the loss of a parent and not keeping your feelings all bottled up
Badger's Parting Gifts	Susan Varley	A classic picture book of how Badger's forest friends are finally

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		able to remember him and the things he taught them.
The Memory Tree	Britta Breckentrup	After Fox dies his friends gather to grieve and tell their stories about him and in the middle a memory tree grows to shelter and protect them all.
Harry and Hopper	Margaret Wild and Freya Blackwood	A young boy's beloved dog dies and in his grief he imagines Hopper still being there as he struggles to say goodbye.
The Saddest King	Chris Wormell	The story of a land where it was against the law to be happy, explores what it was like to grieve for your pet dog and have to pretend to be happy. A moving story about having the courage to show how you feel.
Goodbye Mog	Judith Kerr	A story from the Mog series about when the family cat dies. Be aware that the death is described as going to sleep- not a useful idea for children but a good discussion point.
Up in Heaven	Emma Chichester Clark	A story about a family's pet dog dying. Again death is described as going to sleep which is not helpful for children but could be a discussion point.
The Grand Wolf	Avril McDonald	When Wolfgang's beloved Grand Wolf dies Wolfgang does not know how he will manage but he learns to grieve, remember and cope with the changes loss brings.
The Huge Bag of Worries	Virginia Ironside	A story about a young girl who becomes overcome by worries and with a little help learns how to cope with them. Not about death but very relevant for many worried grieving children.
Silly Billy	Anthony Browne	A story about a young boy Billy who worries about everything but then finds using worry people helps him to overcome his fears.
How do I feel?	Anthony Browne	A picture book about introducing children to basic feelings.
Dogger	Shirley Hughes	A story about losing a special toy- a ideal way of beginning to get children thinking about how it feels to lose something .
We Were Gonna have a Baby but we had an Angel Instead	Pat Shwiebert	The story follows a child whose sibling is stillborn and gently tells how it feels to get an Angel instead of a baby. This might be appropriate for families where it fits their belief system.
Books for adults about grief in Children		
The Little Book of Bereavement for Schools	Ian Gilbert	A personal account of how schools tried to support one family after the death of their mother, containing ' must know ' advice and structured into fifteen points for schools to follow.
A Child's Grief	Winston's Wish	An accessible guidebook for parents and professionals.
Grief in children: A handbook for adults	Atle Dyregrov	An excellent handbook providing advice and strategies for understanding and supporting a grieving child.
Some one very important has just died	Mary Turner	A book offering immediate support for adults caring for children following a bereavement. Very useful in finding language and terms to use to explain concepts surrounding death.
Beyond the Rough Rock	Winston's Wish	A guidebook for parents and professionals supporting a child bereaved by suicide.
As Big as it Gets	Winston's Wish	A guidebook for parents and professionals supporting a child when someone is seriously ill.
Hope Beyond the Headlines	Winston's Wish	A guidebook for parents and professionals when supporting a child bereaved by murder or manslaughter.
Still Here with Me: Teenagers and Children on Losing a Parent	Suzanne Sjoqvist, Margaret Myers	A collection of autobiographical accounts written by young people about their grief.

