



Recommended Reads for Children 7-11

Fiction

'Death' by Janine Amos

ISBN 0745152724 Cherrytree Press

A picture book for children about exploring and expressing their feelings when a loved one dies.

'Seven for a Secret' by Laurence Anholt

ISBN 1845073002 Frances Lincoln Publishers

Ruby lives in the city and Grandpa lives in the country. They write to each other and share the events of their lives. Through the Magpie Song the events of the story unravel, including a heart-breaking goodbye.

'If Nathan were Here' by Mary Bahr

ISBN 0802851878 Eerdmans Books for Younger Readers

A young boy deals with the death of his friend Nathan. Features the making of a memory box.

"Drop Dead" by Babette Cole

ISBN 0099659115 Red Fox

A very humorous look at life and the inevitability of death.

'When your mum or dad has cancer' Ann Couldrick

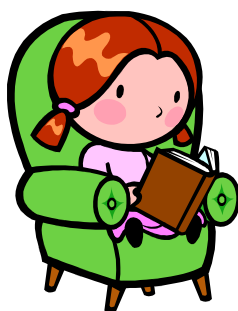
Child Bereavement Trust Oxford: Sobell, 1997

Booklet aimed at children, to help them make sense of the crisis that has affected their family. Contains chapters titled 'Mum or Dad has cancer', 'Will talking help?', 'Mum or Dad are going for treatment' and 'Will my Mum or Dad die?' Also provides an introduction for parents.

"Molly's Rosebush" by Janice Cohn

ISBN 0807552135 Albert Whitman & Company

When the new baby they've been expecting isn't strong enough to be born, Molly and her family find different ways to express their feelings and comfort each other.



Fiction continued

‘Always and Forever’ by Alan Durant

ISBN 0552548774 Corgi Children’s

Picture book. When Fox dies, his animal ‘family’ are distraught and wonder how they will ever cope without him. They begin in time to understand that Fox remains with them in their many memories.

‘I’ll See You in My Dreams’ by Mavis Jukes

ISBN 037581518x Alfred A. Knopf Books

The story of a young girls’ goodbye to a beloved uncle.

‘Goodbye Mog’ by Judith Kerr

ISBN 0007149697 Picture Lions

Mog was tired. Mog thought, “I want to sleep forever”. And so she did. After Mog the cat dies, the Thomas family wonder how they will ever cope without her. A story about the death of a well-loved family pet for young children.

‘Sammy’s Mommy has Cancer’ by Sherry Kohlenberg

ISBN 094535455X Magination Press

When Sherry Kohlenberg was diagnosed with cancer, she wrote this book to help her son understand what was happening to her.

‘Remembering mum’ Ginny Perkins

ISBN 0713633816 A and C Black

A book for young children helping children to cope with the loss of a parent.

‘Sad Book’ by Michael Rosen

ISBN 0744598982 Walker Books

We all have sad days, especially when we think about people we love who have died. In this book, Michael Rosen thinks about the sadness of grief, how it affects him and how he tries to cope with it.

‘My Many Coloured Days’ by Dr. Seuss

ISBN 0099266598 Random House

Some days are yellow, some days are blue. On different days, I am different too. Explores our many different emotions.



Non-fiction

'Life's End' by Lynne Broadbent

ISBN 0750228032 Hodder Wayland

Rituals and ceremonies of the six major world faiths – Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Sikh.

'What do we think about death?' by Karen Bryant-Mole

ISBN 0750232188 Hodder Wayland

A first look at what death means for younger children.

'A World of Festivals; Life and Death' by Jean Coppendale

ISBN 1841388432 Chrysalis

A colourful and informative book, looks at beliefs and traditions across the world from the ancient past to the present day.

'When someone very special dies: children can learn to cope with grief' by Marge Heegaard

ISBN 0962050202 Woodland Press

Designed to teach basic concepts of death and to help children, aged 6-12, understand their feelings when someone special dies. Workbook to be illustrated by children.