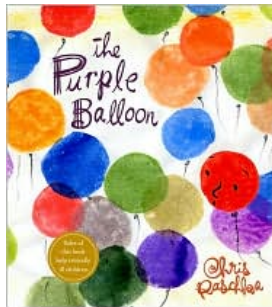
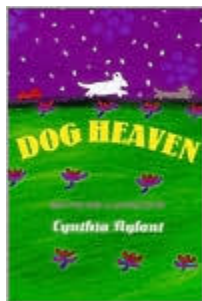


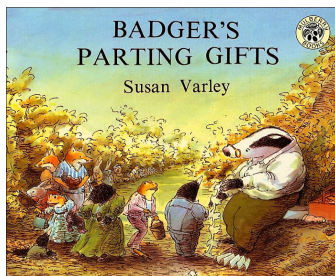
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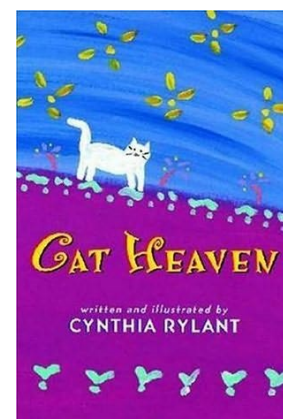
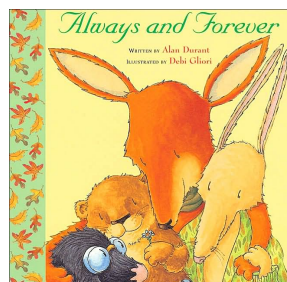
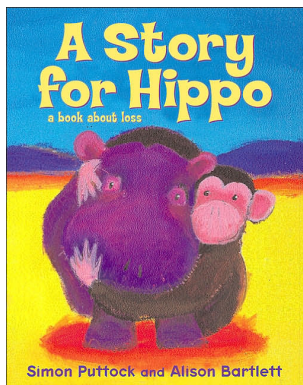
Purple Balloon by Christopher Raschka  
"No one likes to talk about dying. It's hard work." Yet this simple, honest treatment is an effective vehicle for discussing the "one thing harder to talk about than an old person dying—a young person dying." Raschka's brief text avoids sentimentality and didacticism and is a good choice for those who want to provide assistance to children about this difficult subject.— *Abridged from SLJ review by Marianne Saccardi*

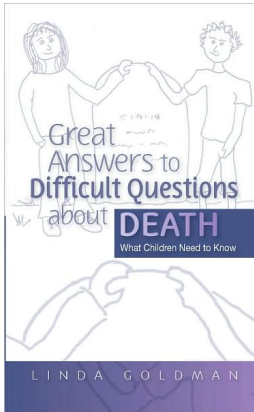


Dog Heaven by Cynthia Rylant  
Take a journey to Dog Heaven. There are tasty biscuits shaped like cats and fluffy cloud beds for sleeping, memory trips back to favorite spots and people, and cozy homes with petting hands. Rylant uses simple, comfortable language and an abundance of careful detail to create a place of warmth and happiness. The reassuring story might comfort a child after the loss of a pet, but this pleasant, imaginary paradise will have a broader appeal to all animal lovers.? .— *Abridged from SLJ review by Joy Fleishhacker*

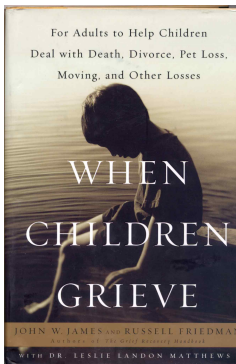


Badger's Parting Gifts by Susan Varley  
Badger's friends are overwhelmed with their loss when he dies. By sharing their memories of his gifts, they find the strength to face the future with hope. This is a particularly good book for children who lose pets that are older or in pain. It softly describes Badger's death and how his friends transform their grief by seeing how Badger lives on in the "parting gifts" he's left them.

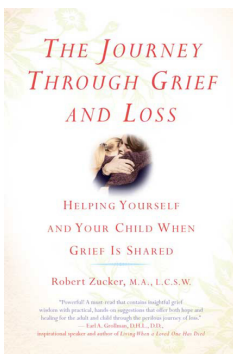




Great Answers to Difficult Questions About Death by Linda Goldman  
Death is never an easy subject for discussion and adults often struggle to find the right words when talking about it with children. This book explores children's thoughts and feelings on the subject of death and provides parents and other caring adults with guidance on how to respond to difficult questions. This guide offers useful advice for parents and caregivers and will also be of interest to counsellors and other professionals working with children.



When Children Grieve by John W. James  
This compassionate manual addresses the nature of grief, purges common myths the worst of which, the authors claim, is that time heals all wounds (only small, positive actions can heal a person, insist James, Friedman and Matthews) and encourages adults to adopt a more healthy approach to grief themselves, so that they, in turn, can help children.



Journey Through Grief and Loss: Helping Yourself and Your Child When Grief is Shared by Robert Zucker

When adults face a significant loss, they must grapple with their own profound grief, and they are often called upon to nurture and support their grieving children. This is the first book to address this very common dual grieving challenge. This book helps parents understand how adults and children grieve differently; learn how to explain the meaning of death to children; knowing what to do when grief gets complicated; and, decide when they and/or their child need counseling .