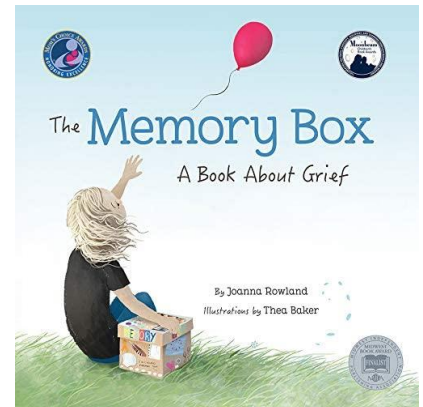


Recommended Books: Children

The Memory Box: A Book About Grief

Rowland, J., & Baker, T. (2017). *The memory box: A book about grief*. Sparkhouse Family; Brdbk edition.

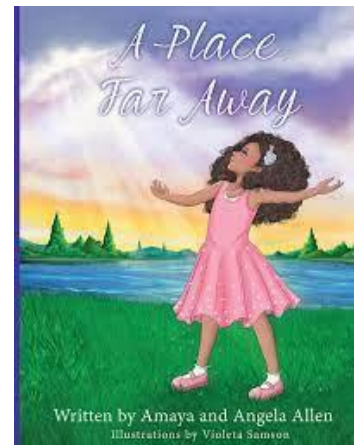
“From the perspective of a young child, Joanna Rowland artfully describes what it is like to remember and grieve a loved one who has died. The child in the story creates a memory box to keep mementos and written memories of the loved one, to help in the grieving process. Heartfelt and comforting, *The Memory Box* will help children and adults talk about this very difficult topic together.”



A Place Far Away

Allen, A., & Allen, A. (2017). *A place far away*. A Place Far Away.

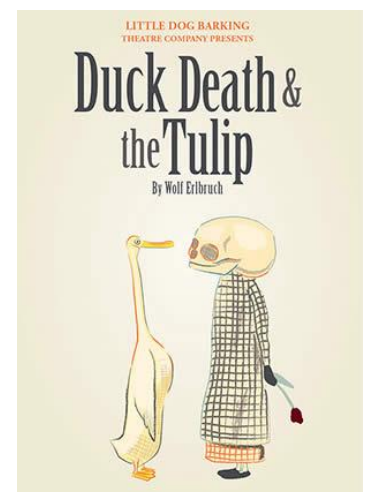
“Grief is a journey. Love is a guide. Hope is a treasure. Eight-year-old Mackayla loves to dance. As a matter of fact, when she's wearing her ballet slippers she's not afraid of anything -- until tragedy strikes her family. Brokenhearted, Mackayla vows she'll never dance again. But with a little help from her grandfather and a very special charm bracelet, Mackayla discovers an elusive spark of love. That spark leads her on a magical journey to confront her pain and find hope. Written by a mother and daughter about their own experience, *A Place Far Away* gives children and caregivers a common language to deal with the intense and confusing emotions of loss.”



Duck, Death and the Tulip

Erlbruch, W. (2016). *Duck, death and the tulip*. Gecko Press.

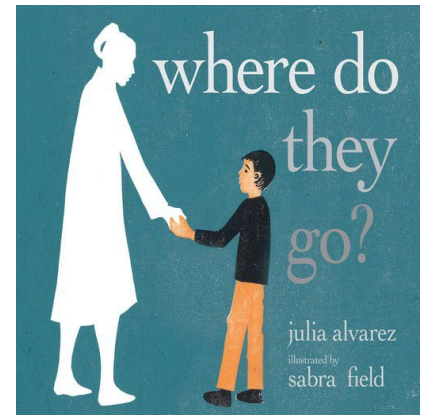
“In a curiously heart-warming and elegantly illustrated story, a duck strikes up an unlikely friendship with Death. Duck and Death play together and discuss big questions. Death, dressed in a dressing gown and slippers, is sympathetic and kind and will be Duck's companion until the end.”



Where Do They Go?

Alvarez, J., & Field, S. (2016). *Where do they go?*. Triangle Square.

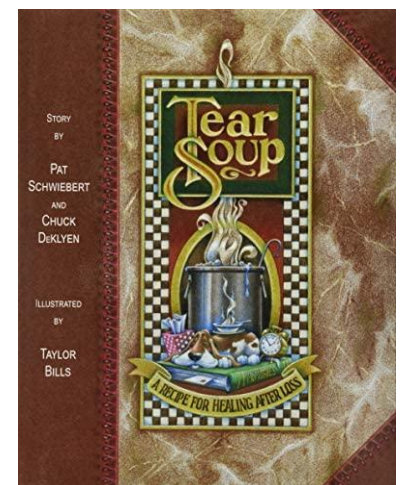
“Bestselling novelist and children's author Julia Alvarez's new picture book is a beautifully crafted poem for children that gently addresses the emotional side of death. *Where Do They Go?* is a beautiful and comforting meditation on death, asking questions young readers might have about what happens to those they love after they die.”



Tear Soup: A Recipe for Healing After Loss

Schwiebert, P., DeKlyen, C., Bills, T., & McDonald-Lewis, M. (2015). *Tear soup: A recipe for healing after loss*. Portland, Or.: Grief Watch.

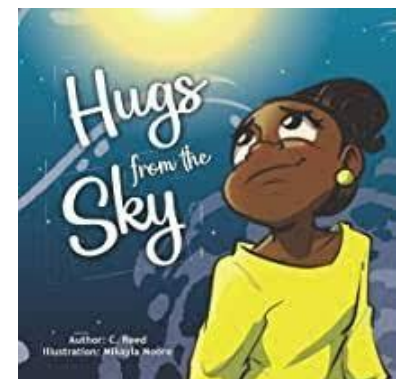
“*Tear Soup* centers around an old and somewhat wise woman who has just suffered a big loss in her life and so she is headed to the kitchen to make a special batch of Tear Soup. There she chooses the size pot that is right for her loss, and she puts on her apron because she knows it's going to be messy. Slowly the pot is filled with tears as the old woman steps away. To season her soup Grandy adds memories like the good times and the bad times, the silly and the sad times. She does not want to forget even one precious memory of her loss.”



Hugs From The Sky

Reed, C. (2021). *Hugs from the sky*. Love Creed, Inc.

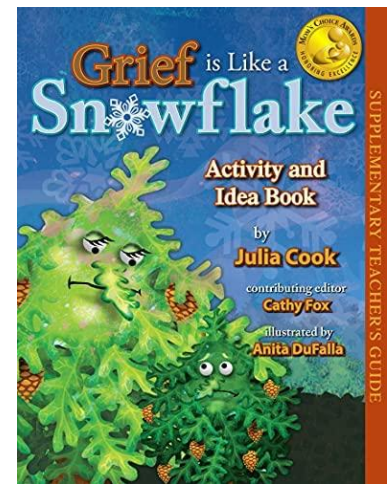
“Hugs from the Sky is an entertaining and heartfelt story about the journey of love, loss, and acceptance. This book was written to assist young children in starting the process of healing after losing a loved one.”



Grief is Like a Snowflake

Cook, J. (2011). *Grief is Like a Snowflake*. National Center for Youth Issues.

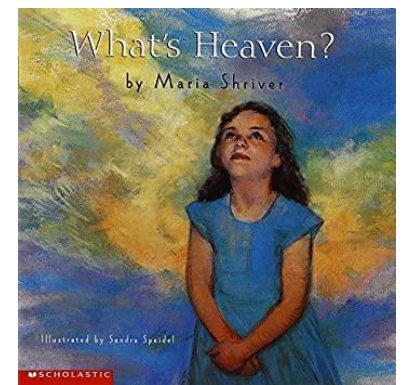
“After the death of his father, Little Tree begins to learn how to cope with his feelings and start the healing process. With the help and support of his family and friends, Little Tree learns to cope by discovering what is really important in life, and realizing his father’s memory will carry on.”



What's Heaven?

Shriver, M., & Speidel, S. (2007). *What's heaven?*. New York: St. Martin's Press.

“What should parents say when a loved one dies? Heaven is a difficult subject that always comes up at tough times, and Maria Shriver has written a very special book precisely for these stressful moments. *What's Heaven?* is the story of Kate, a little girl whose great-grandma has just died. She seeks answers, and her mother helps her learn about Heaven.”



The Invisible String

Karst, P., & Stevenson, G. (2000). *The invisible string*. Camarillo, Calif.: DeVorss Publications.

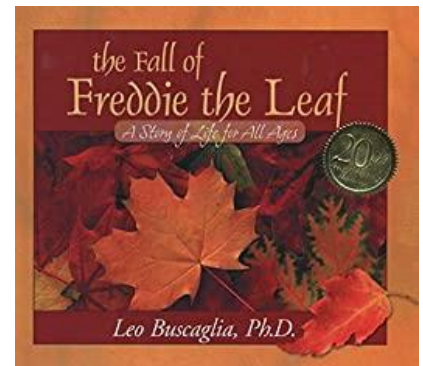
“In this relatable and reassuring contemporary classic, a mother tells her two children that they're all connected by an invisible string. ‘That's impossible!’ the children insist, but still they want to know more: ‘What kind of string?’ The answer is the simple truth that binds us all: An Invisible String made of love. Even though you can't see it with your eyes, you can feel it deep in your heart, and know that you are always connected to the ones you love.”



The Fall of Freddie the Leaf

Buscaglia, L. (2002). *The fall of Freddie the leaf*. Thorofare, N.J.: Slack.

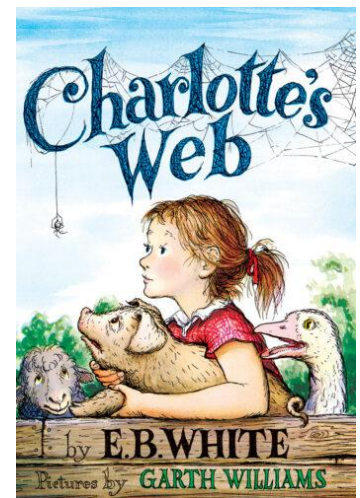
“*The Fall of Freddie the Leaf* touches children and adults alike, illustrating the delicate balance between life and death. *The Fall of Freddie the Leaf* is a warm, thought-provoking story about how Freddie and his companion leaves change with the passing seasons and the coming of winter.”



Charlotte's Web

White, E., & Williams, G. (2012). *Charlotte's web*. New York, N.Y: Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers.

“*[Charlotte's Web]* teaches kids about the power of friendship and loyalty, and about the pain of loss; it reassures them that they will survive their seemingly unsurvivable grief. Charlotte the spider, facing her own mortality, tells Wilbur the pig that he'll still find joy and meaning in life after she's gone. She reassures him that his presence in her life has been a source of joy and meaning to her, something she cherishes even as she's leaving the world.”



When Someone Very Special Dies: Children Can Learn to Cope with Grief

Heegaard, M. (1996). *When someone very special dies - children can learn to cope with grief*. Woodland Press; Reissue edition.

“This book was designed to teach basic concepts of death and help children understand and express the many feelings they have when someone special dies. Communication is increased and coping skills are developed as they illustrate their books with their personal story.”

