



FOR CHILDREN: BOOKS ABOUT DEATH AND DYING

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PS = appropriate for preschool age children
SA = appropriate for school age children
AD = appropriate for teenagers

Barron, T.A. Where Is Grandpa? New York: Philomel Books, 2000. (SA)

On the day his Grandpa dies, a young boy and his family share their sorrow and find comfort in memories. The boy realizes that his grandfather is still with him in all the special places they shared.

Blackburn, L.B. I Know I Made It Happen. Omaha: Centering Corporation, 1991. (SA)

A book that deals with the guilty feelings children sometimes have when important life events such as death, divorce, injury and illness happen.

Blackburn, L.B. Timothy Duck: The Story of the Death of a Friend. Omaha: Centering Corporation, 1987. (SA)

When Timothy Duck's best person-friend dies, he feels scared, sad, mad and mixed up. This is a story about his feelings and how he learned to live through the hurt.

Boritzer, E. What is Death? Santa Monica, CA: Veronica Lane Books, 2000. (SA)

Introduces the concept of death with examples of customs and beliefs from different religions and cultures. Addresses children's natural curiosity by introducing themes of tolerance, identity, and generosity.

Brown, K.B., & Brown, M. When Dinosaurs Die: A Guide to Understanding Death. Boston: Little, Brown and Co., 1996. (PS/SA)