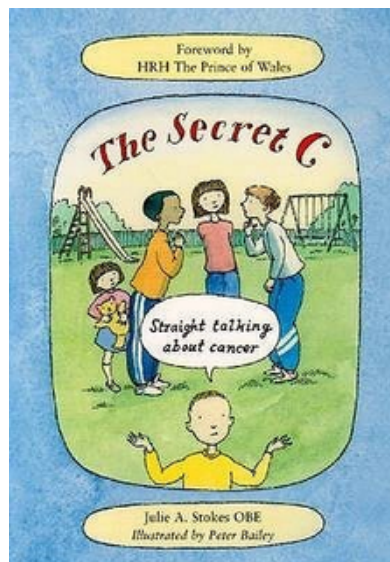


Children's Book List - When Someone is Not Expected to Live



The Secret C - Straight Talking about Cancer by Julie A. Stokes

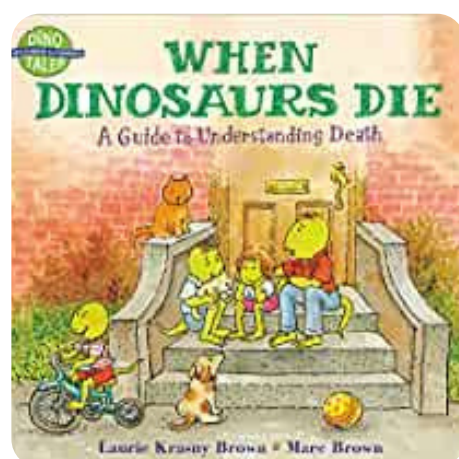
When a family member has cancer it is hard for everyone to understand. It can be particularly difficult when a parent or carer faces the challenge of trying to explain to their child what cancer means and how it may affect their family.

This booklet is aimed at supporting parents or carers with this task, and encourages open communication and questions about cancer within the family. Through pictures, captions and straightforward language, it explains how tumours are formed, what the various treatments are and how these may affect the person with cancer. It stresses the need to keep to family routines and, importantly, to still try and have fun. It is aimed at children aged 7 to 10 years and will work best when an adult is present to expand on the simple messages in the text.

As Big As It Gets - by Winstons Wish

Supporting a child when someone is seriously ill

This specialist book offers practical guidance for families and professionals when someone is seriously ill and may die. Building on our experience of working with families both before and after a death, it covers talking with children about what is happening and what will happen and offers an overview of some of the feelings and thoughts people may have.

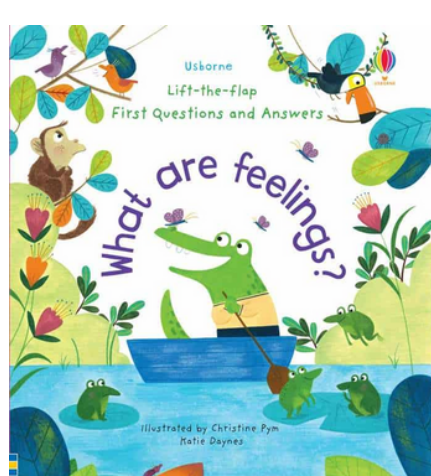
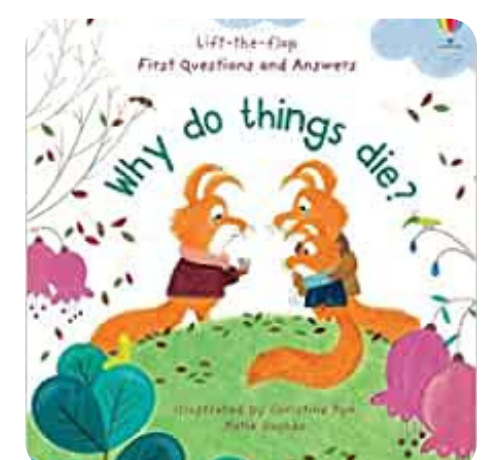


When Dinosaurs Die by Laurie Krasney Brown and Marc Brown

No one can really understand death but to children, the passing away of a loved one can be especially perplexing and troublesome. This is true whether the loss is a classmate, friend, family member or pet. Here to offer advice and reassurance from some very wise dinosaurs. This succinct and thorough guide helps dispel the mystery and negative connotations associated with death, providing answers to some of the most-often asked questions and also explores the feelings we may have regarding the death of a loved one and the ways to remember someone after he or she has died.

Why Do Things Die by Katie Daynes and Christine Pym

A beautiful and gentle look at the circle of life, using Christine Pym's gorgeous animals characters to explore the emotions and facts around death, with questions such as Is it ok to talk about dying? What happens when someone dies? Can I shout and cry and hide away? and How can I stop feeling sad?



What Are Feelings? by Katie Daynes or Christine Pym

This thoughtful book explores happiness, sadness, anger, fear and worry in a friendly and approachable way for little children. Adorable animal characters experience different emotions, while flaps reveal the answers to important questions such as 'Why don't I feel happy all the time?' and 'How can I cheer up my friend?'

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The Invisible String by Patrick Karst

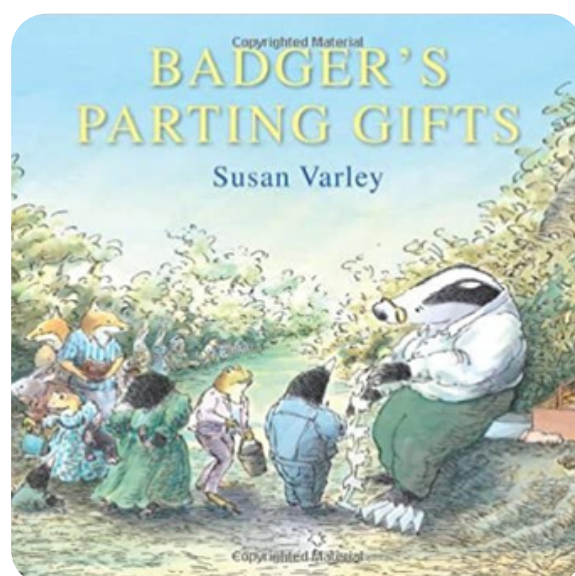
As long as love is in your heart, the Invisible String will always be there. When Mum tells her two children that they are all connected by an Invisible String the children insist 'That's impossible!' But still, they want to know more: 'What kind of string?' The answer is the simple truth that binds us all:

It's an Invisible String made of love. Even though you can't see it, you can feel it deep in your heart and know that you are always connected to the ones you love.

This joyful contemporary classic for all ages has helped comfort and heal countless readers by easing separation anxiety, loneliness, and loss, while also exploring the intangible yet unbreakable connections between us all

When Someone Has a Very Serious Illness by Marge Heegaard

This book will help families communicate and evaluate a child's understanding and feelings about family change while teaching basic concepts of illness and healthy coping skills.

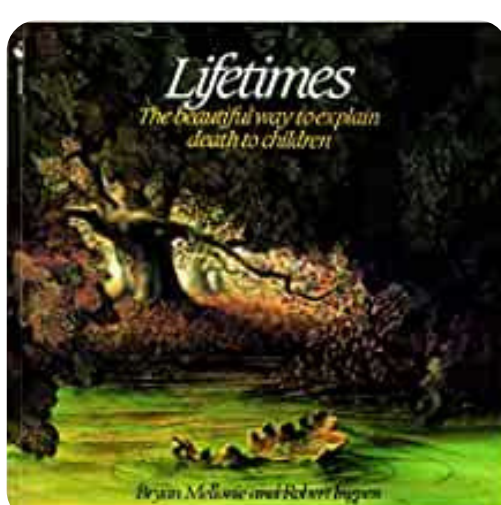
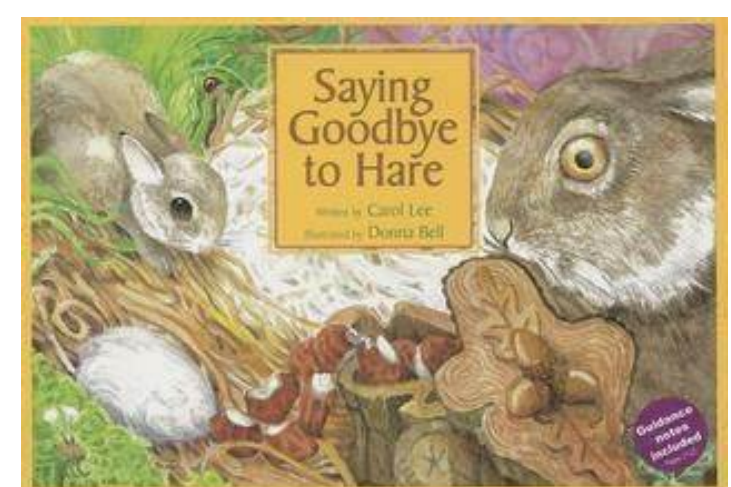


Badger's Parting Gifts by Susan Varley

Badger is so old that he knows he must soon die, so he does his best to prepare his friends. When he finally dies, they are grief-stricken, but one by one they remember the special things he taught them during his life. By sharing their memories, they realise that although Badger is no longer with them physically, he lives on through his friends.

Saying Goodbye to Hare by Carol Lee and Donna Bell

Rabbit visited his friend Hare, when he got there Hare didn't seem quite right. Rabbit was worried about Hare and shared his worry with Buzzard. Mum explained to Rabbit that Hare was dying and what that meant. Rabbit continued to visit Hare and took him tasty dandelion flowers. Hare started putting things in a box and telling stories about it. Hare gave Rabbit a friendship stick. When Hare died Rabbit felt empty and too sad to cry. He had his memory box and friendship stick but would rather have his friend. Everyone attended the funeral and talked about Hare. Rabbit was happy that he had his memories



Lifetimes by Bryan Mellonie

Lifetimes is a moving book for children of all ages, even parents too. It lets us explain life and death in a sensitive, caring, beautiful way. Lifetimes tells us about beginnings. And about endings. And about living in between. With large, wonderful illustrations, it tells about plants. About animals. About people. It tells that dying is as much a part of living as being born. It helps us to remember. It helps us to understand.