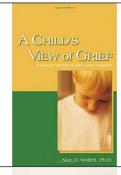


# **Books and Resources for Caregivers**



## **Books**



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by Alan D. Wolfelt

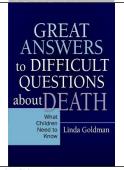
This book explains how children and teens grieve after someone you loved has died and how the adults in their life can help children and teens cope with grief.



When a Parent is Sick: Helping Parents Explain Serious Illness to Children

by Joan Hamilton

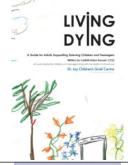
This book provides parents and caregivers with suggestions on how to approach children with the information that their parent is seriously



Great Answers to Difficult Questions about Death: What Children Need to Know

by Linda Goldman

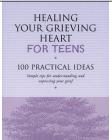
This book explores children's thoughts and feelings related to death and provide parents and other adults, guidance on how to respond to difficult questions.



Living Dying: A Guide for Adults Support Grieving Children and Teenagers

by Ceilidh Eaton Russell

This book includes suggestions for talking about illness and death with young people, including them in the care of the dying, and maintaining meaningful connections after a loved one has died.



**Healing Your Grieving Heart for Teens: 100 Practical Ideas** 

by Alan D. Wolfelt

Offers a list of ideas for honoring and remembering a loved one, and supporting, interacting, and communicating with a grieving teen.



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# **Websites**

## **Kids Grief** – kidsgrief.ca

Includes a series of 3 learning modules that provide strategies and talking points to help caregivers address tough subjects with a grieving child.

### Family Education Centre – familyedcentre.org

Free e-learning program *Weathering the Storm: Parenting Grieving Children* offers assistance to caregivers parenting grieving children. The resource library includes tipsheets and podcasts for helping caregivers recognize grief, communicate about grief, parent through grief, and the importance of self-care (offered in 7 languages).

## **Sesame Street Grief Toolkit** – sesamestreet.org/toolkits/grief

Includes tips, videos, a story, and activities to help your family members communicate with one another, express emotions, and begin the process of moving forward.

## What's Your Grief? – whatsyourgrief.com

Blog posts cover a variety of topics including grief education, supporting kids/teens, suggestions for coping, ideas for self-expression, and ways to honour and remember loved ones

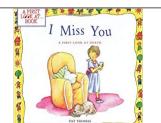
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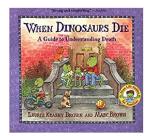


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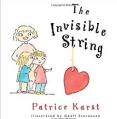
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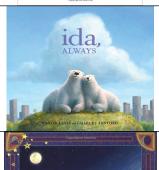
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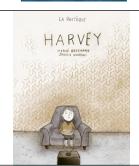
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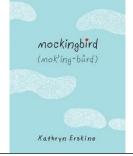
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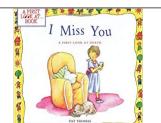
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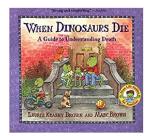


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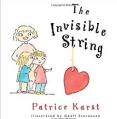
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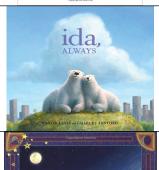
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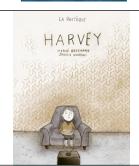
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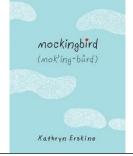
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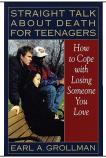
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# **Books and Resources for Teens**



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## **Straight Talk About Death for Teenagers**

by Earl A. Grollman

This book explains what to expect when you lose someone you love. Chapters discuss reactions to a death, how grief can affect your relationships, and how to work through your grief.



## The Grieving Teen: A Guide for Teenagers and Their Friends

by Helen Fitzgerald

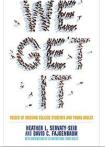
This book addresses difficult emotions you may experience and situations you may face, including family changes, problems at school, and finding the courage to move forward.



## We Get It: Voices of Grieving College Students and Young Adults

by Heather L. Servaty-Seib and David C. Fajgenbaum

Students and young adults face a unique set of challenges. This book is a collection of stories covering topics including isolation, forced maturity, and coping strategies.



# Angel Catcher: A Journal of Loss and Remembrance

by Kathy Eldon and Amy Eldon Turteltaub

This journal is designed to help you through the loss and celebrate the life of the person you love. The pages have space for photographs, reflection, thoughts, and memories.



## Chill & Spill: A Place to Put it Down and Work it Out

by Steffanie Lorig and Jeanean Jacobs

A journal for you to spill your guts and chill out. A combination of writing, drawing, and collaging activities help you explore what's going on in your head and in your heart.



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# **Websites**

## **Help 2 Make Sense** – help2makesense.org

When someone close to you dies, nothing makes sense. This online toolkit features tips and resources to help you make sense of your grief.

## Hope Again - hopeagain.org.uk

Features advice, stories, and vlogs from young people who are grieving. Offers ideas on how to cope, talk about your grief, stay connected with your loved one, and tips for carrying on.

## Surviving Life After A Parent Dies (SLAP'D) - slapd.com

SLAP'D is a social media site to help teens find hope and connection through shared experiences. Includes articles written by teens, advice forums, and an ask-an-expert column.

## **Too Damn Young** – toodamnyoung.com

Too Damn Young is a community built by, and for, grieving teens. The site features articles, personal accounts, and creative outlets for teens to express themselves and connect with each other.

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