

Loss: Pet

For Young Children (Ages 4-8)



Dog Heaven
Cynthia Rylant
(Preschool), 30 pgs.

A sweet book on a dog's journey in Heaven.

"God turns clouds inside out to make fluffy beds for the dogs in Dog Heaven, and when they are tired from running and barking and eating ham-sandwich biscuits, the dogs each find a cloud bed for sleeping"



I'll Always Love You
Hans Wilhelm
(Ages 4-8), 32 pgs.

In this gentle, moving story, Elfie, a dachshund, and her special boy progress happily through life together. One morning Elfie does not wake up. The family grieves and buries her. The watercolor illustrations, tender and warm in color and mood, suit the simple text perfectly."--School Library Journal.



My Personal Pet Remembrance Journal
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Not Just A Fish
Kathleen Maresh Hemery
(Ages 4-9), 8 pgs.

A young child struggles with his grief over the death of his fish. He is especially upset when others comment 'it was only a fish.' Then to add to his distress, his father flushes Puffer down the toilet. A wise aunt suggests a memorial service, and the story ends with a healing eulogy. A wonderful story for young children grieving over the death of a beloved pet.'




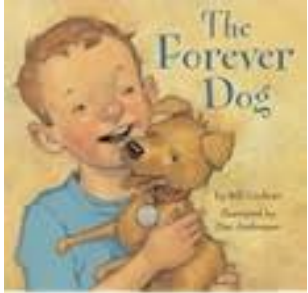
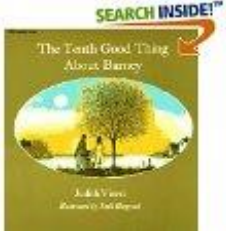

Remember Rafferty
Joy Johnson
(Ages 4-8), 20 pgs.

A book about the death of a pet. . .for children of all ages. This book is unique because of the scrapbook in the back for children to write down memories of their beloved pet. Rafferty is a family dog that gets very sick. The family makes the difficult decision to end his life. Talks about remembering your pet and grieving the loss.



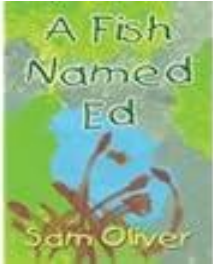

Saying Goodbye to Lulu
Corinne Demas
(Preschool-13), 26 pgs.

A young girl's dog is getting old and ill. She struggles with her dog's decline and wishes that Lulu could do the things that she did when she was a young puppy. When Lulu dies, the young girl wanted to say goodbye, but was afraid and all she could do was cry. Months later, the young girl plants a tree for Lulu and can finally say "goodbye". "Do you want to see her and say goodbye? Mommy asked. I wanted to say goodbye, but I was afraid, too."

	<p>The Bug Cemetery Frances Hill (Preschool-13), 20 pgs.</p>	<p>A brother and sister start to build a cemetery for all of the dead bugs that they find. They enjoy inviting their friends over for pretend funerals, and even serves snacks. Billy and his sister had fun burying the dead bugs until one day when their cat, Buster, was hit by a car and dies. Billy and his sister buried Buster in the Bug Cemetery, but then soon realized that: "funerals aren't any fun when they're for someone you love." They stopped having funerals for bugs and instead plant a garden full of flowers and butterflies. "We call it Buster's garden."</p>
	<p>The Forever Dog Bill Cochran (Ages 4-8), 27 pgs.</p>	<p>Corky looks as if he were built from other dogs' spare parts, with short, skinny legs, crooked ears, lots of fur, and a scruffy tail. Corky is Mike's dog and his best friend. In fact, they make a plan and shake on it--they'll be best friends forever. But when Corky suddenly get sick and dies at the vet's, Mike cries. Then, he gets angry because Corky has broken their promise. Mike's mom asks if he remembers how Corky shook hands, fetched, and slept on his head. Would he ever forget those times? "Never!" Then "Corky will be with you forever, it's just different now." This is a compassionate story that will help kids cope with a pet's death and death in general.</p>
	<p>The Tenth Good Thing About Barney</p>	<p>"My cat Barney died this Friday. I was very sad. My mother said we could have a funeral for him, and I should think of ten good things about Barney so I could tell them..." But the small boy who loved Barney can only think of nine. Later, while talking with his father, he discovers the tenth -- and begins to understand.</p>
	<p>When a Pet Dies Fred Rogers (Ages 4-8), 32 pgs.</p>	<p>When a Pet Dies assures youngsters that no matter how badly they feel when they lose a pet, in time their hurt will ease, and they will be able to remember with fondness the happiness they shared</p>

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	<p>A Fish Named Ed Sam Oliver (Ages 6-12), 53 pgs.</p>	<p>This is a story about grief and loss. It is about how a fish named Ed awakens into soul. A Fish Named Ed is a book for children ages 6 and up. Many adults get a great deal of insight from reading such a simple and profound work as well. As you read this book, you will find the themes of life: Life, Death/Separation, Disorientation, Isolation, Loneliness, Emptiness, and Reorientation. This book is for any child or adult who is going through grief.</p>
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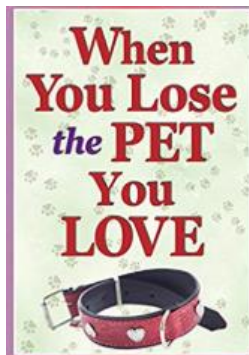


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For Adults (Ages 18+)



When You Lose the Pet You Love
Editors of Publications International Ltd.
(Adults), 128 pgs.

What do you do when you lose your best friend? This compassionate, thoughtful book is a helpful guide to help readers get through the loss of a beloved pet. Topics include the typical stages of the grieving process and how to make difficult decisions concerning quality of life and euthanasia. The next phase is also discussed: memorializing your pet, helping your family cope, and when and whether to bring home a new pet. Prepare for the loss with checklists, articles, and tips from experienced grief counselors, detailing ways to make the most of your pet s last days, what to do with your pet s belongings, and more. Inspirational and other related quotations are included throughout the book to provide readers a much-needed emotional lift. An appendix rounds out the book, featuring useful resources.



When Your Pet Dies: A Guide to Mourning, Remembering & Healing
Alan D. Wolfelt
(Adults), 96 pgs.

Affirming a pet owner's struggle with grief when his or her pet dies, this book helps mourners understand why their feelings are so strong and helps them overcome the loss. Included are practical suggestions for mourning and ideas for remembering and memorializing one's pet. Among the issues covered are understanding the many emotions experienced after the death of a pet; understanding why grief for pets is unique; pet funerals and burial or cremation; celebrating and remembering the life of one's pet; coping with feelings about euthanasia; helping children understand the death of their pet; and things to keep in mind before getting another pet.