Funerals, Ceremonies, & Rituals

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For Young Children (Ages 4-8)				
EXAMPLE INSIDE	A Candle for Grandpa Joel Iskowitz (Ages 4-8), 32 pgs.	This illustrated story sensitively explains the Jewish view of death and funeral practices and rituals to young children. Includes a glossary of Jewish funeral terms and a "Q & A" of most frequently asked questions by children and parents.		
	Tell Me, Papa Joy Johnson (Ages 4-8), 32 pgs.	Answers to questions children ask about death and dying. A gentle explanation for children about death and the funeral. Tells children about what happens when you die, explains the funeral, cremation and answers questions honestly. Useful tool for parents and caregivers searching for the right words to say.		
Bug Centerery	The Bug Cemetery Frances Hill (Preschool-13), 20 pgs.	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 Cemetary, 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."		
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For Children (Ages 9-12)

SEARCH INSIDE!"	A Birthday Present for Daniel Juliet Rothman (Ages 9-12), 41 pgs.	A young girl whose brother has died describes how she feels and tells about some of the things her family does to help them accept his death.
ANIMAL CRACKERS CRACKERS A State of the State B State Media	Animal Crackers Bridget Marshall (Ages 9-12), 10 pgs.	A tender book about death, funerals and love. This book explores aging, memory loss and a special kind of love when a young child's Nanny must go to a nursing home and later dies. They all remember Nanny's Animal Crackers! Page 71



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For Teens (Ages 13-18+)



Good Grief Rituals Elaine Childs-Gowell (Teens/Adults), 100 pgs. In this comforting and deeply thoughtful book, the author offers a series of simple grief rituals, among them the venting of feelings, letter writing, affirmations, exercises to act out negative emotions as well as forgiveness, fantasies, meditations, and more. Adult children of alcoholics, victims of incest and assault, and those who have ended a relationship, lived through a natural disaster, wrecked a car, or suffered any kind of loss will find that these rituals move them beyond loss to forgiveness, gratitude and a new sense of life.

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For Adults (Ages 18+)

A Time to Mourn, a Time to Comfort. Mourner to comfort. Mourner to	A Time to Mourn, A Time for Comfort Dr. Ron Wolfson (Adults), 342 pgs.	A guide to meeting the needs of those who mourn and those who seek to provide comfort in times of sadness. While this book is written from a laypersons point of view, it also includes the specifics for funeral preparations and practical guidance for preparing the home and family to sit shiva . Advice is given for attending a Jewish funeral, how to help during shiva, what to say to the mourners, and what to write in a condolence letter. Special sections deal with specific situations of modern life, including helping young children grieve and understand shiva, deaths from AIDS, and mourning the death of an infant or child.
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	I Wasn't Ready to Say Goodbye Brooke Noeal & Pamela D. Blair (Adults), 336 pgs.	I Wasn't Ready to Say Goodbye is a book that is easily related to by anyone struggling to cope with the sudden death of a loved one. Featured on ABC World News, Fox and Friends and many other shows, this book acts as a touchstone of sanity through difficult times. I Wasn't Ready to Say Goodbye covers such difficult topics as the first few weeks, suicide, death of a child, children and grief, funerals and rituals, physical effects, homicide and depression.
Light a Candle and Songe of Remembrance Description Des	Light a Candle & Songs of Remembrance CD, 33 minutes	Vocal and instrumental versions of 4 songs created especially for ritual remembrances such as candle lighting ceremonies, (Light A Candle), Christmas ornament memorials and tree plantings (Tree of Memory), memory walks, (Walk To Remember), and balloon releases (Pretty Balloon). Instrumental versions can be used as background music during times of quiet reflection or as gentle accompaniment for your own soloist or choir during ritual services. Written words to all songs are included.
LIVEN FOR BOTHER	Remember Me Lisa Takeuch Cullen (Adults), 240 pgs.	This intriguing survey of America's rapidly mutating funeral customs probes the one force mightier than death: consumerism. Journalist Cullen explores the innumerable ways in which funerals are being personalized, publicized, economized, commercialized, trivialized and, perhaps, humanized.
<image/> <section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><text></text></section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header>	What About the Kids? Understanding Their Needs in Funeral Planning The Dougy Center	This book addresses the best practices for funeral and memorial services with children and teens. Learn how to include children in these rituals and creative ways to involve them in the process. You will find suggestions from children and teens about what was helpful and unhelpful about the funeral or memorial service they attended.