



# Woollahra Children's Library

## Books suitable for children on loss and death

### **Toby**

Margaret Wild ; illustrated  
by Noela Young.  
J E WIL

### **The little match girl**

Hans Christian Andersen ;  
J E AND

### **Sebastian Lives in a hat**

Thelma Catterwell  
JE Cat

### **Frog and the birdsong**

Max Velthuijs  
JE VEL

### **Bridge to Terabithia**

Katherine Paterson

### **Drop dead**

Babette Cole  
J E COL

### **Grandpa**

John Burningham.  
JE BUR

### **Cloudland**

John Burningham  
JE BUR

### **Jenny Angel**

Margaret Wild  
JF WIL

### **The cat mummy**

Jacqueline Wilson  
JF WIL

### **Girls in love**

Jacqueline Wilson  
JF WIL

### **Tiger eyes**

Judy Blume  
Y A BLU

### **It must hurt a lot: a child's book about death**

Doris Sanford  
J155.937/SAN

### **Old Pig**

Margaret Wild  
JE Wil

### **Sunshine Cat**

Miriam Moss  
JE

### **Grandma I'll always remember you**

Ann De Bode  
J155.937/BOD

### **Death is hard to live with; teenagers talk about how they cope with loss**

Janet Bode  
155.937 BOD

### **When people die**

Sarah Leveté  
J 155.937 LEV

### **Remembering mum**

Perkins, Ginny.  
155.937 PER

### **When dinosaurs die: a guide to understanding death**

Laurie Krasny Brown  
J155.937/BROI

### **David has AIDS / the story**

Doris Sanford ; illustrations  
by Graci Evans.  
J 616.9792 SAN



**My grandson Lew** / by Charlotte Zolotow ; illus. by William Pene Du Bois. Lew and his mother share their memories of grandfather who died several years before. This book portrays the keen memories young children often have for the significant people in their lives.

**Sadako and the thousand paper cranes** / by Eleanor Coerr ; illus. by Marianne Yam. Eleven-year-old Sadako is dying of leukaemia. This story portrays Sadako's hope for eventual health and her final acceptance to death. Story revolves around the Japanese legend that one thousand folded paper cranes will restore health.

**A taste of blackberries** / Doris Buchanan Smith ; illustrated by Caroline B. Smith, Doris Buchanan. JF This story depicts the emotions and memories of an 11-year-old boy whose best friend dies of a bee sting. Especially notable is the realistic treatment of a child's mourning, guilt, and ultimate acceptance that life can and must continue even after a great loss.

**Charlotte's web** / by E. B. White ; [illus.] by Garth Williams. White, E. B. JF An animal fantasy about the special relationship between Charlotte the spider and Wilbur, the pig. Charlotte helps Wilbur see that despite her death, she will live on in Wilbur's memories .

**Nana upstairs & Nana downstairs** / written and illustrated by Tomie dePaola. Four-year-old Tommy's bedridden grandmother dies. Tommy's mother urges him to keep her alive in his memories. A falling star is interpreted as a kiss from Nana Upstairs. Years later, Tommy recalls the star and thinks of his Nana Downstairs.

**Badger's parting gifts** / Susan Varley. Wise old Badger's sole regret about dying is the grief his friends will feel. Badger's death is portrayed in a dream state as a "walk down a long tunnel." The memory of Badger lives on as his friends recall the countless ways Badger has enriched their lives.

**The tenth good thing about Barney** / Judith Viorst ; illustrated by Erik Blegvad. A boy is heartbroken by the death of his cat, Barney. His parents help him plan a funeral and encourage him to remember "ten good things about Barney."

