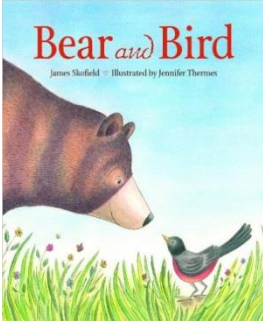


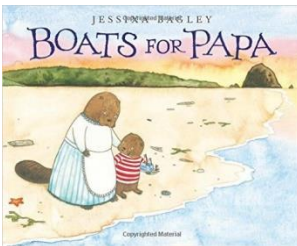
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Bear and Bird

By James Skofield

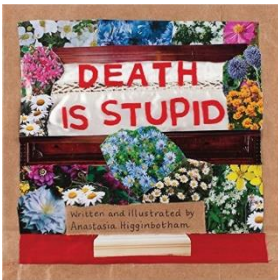
An old bear and a young bird become friends and spend several years together until the bear's death. The young bird is comforted by memories of their time together – *Sarasota County Library*



Boats for Papa

By Jessixa Bagley

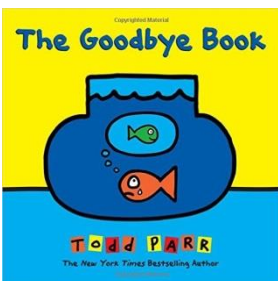
Buckley and his mother cope with the loss of their father/husband by sending small wooden boats, built by Buckley, off into the ocean. – *Sarasota County Library*



Death is Stupid

By Anastasi Higginbotham

"She's in a better place now," adults say again and again. But mortality doesn't seem better, it seems stupid. This forthright exploration of grief and mourning recognizes the anger, confusion, and fear that we feel about death. - *Amazon*



The Goodbye Book

By Todd Parr

Through the lens of a pet fish who has lost his companion, Todd Parr tells a moving and wholly accessible story about saying goodbye. Touching upon the host of emotions children experience, Todd reminds readers that it's okay not to know all the answers, and that someone will always be there to support them. – *Amazon and Sarasota County Library*

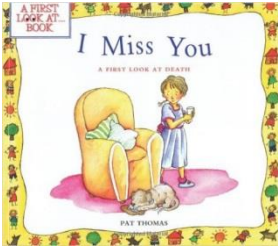


Good-bye, Fish

By Judith Koppens

Fish doesn't swim anymore. Dog and Kitty try to help Fish swim again, but nothing works. Giraffe knows what's going on: Fish is dead. Together they decide to bury Fish, but Kitty doesn't want to forget about Fish. In what special ways can she remember Fish? This simple, touching story will help young children experiencing the death of a pet, friend, or loved one – *Amazon and Sarasota County Library*

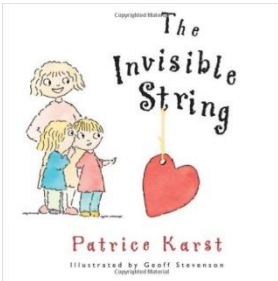
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I Miss You

By Pat Thomas

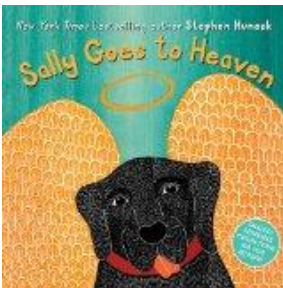
When a close friend or family member dies, it can be difficult for children to express their feelings. This book helps boys and girls understand that death is a natural complement to life, and that grief and a sense of loss are normal feelings for them to have following a loved one's death. - *Amazon*



The Invisible String

By Patrice Karst

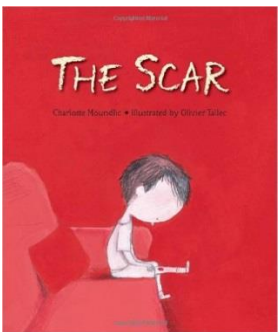
Specifically written to address children's fear of being apart from the ones they love, *The Invisible String* delivers a particularly compelling message in today's uncertain times that though we may be separated from the ones we care for, whether through anger, or distance or even death, love is the unending connection that binds us all. - *Amazon*



Sally Goes to Heaven

By Stephen Huneck

A beloved dog dies and goes to heaven where she lives happily and helps to find her family on earth a new pet. - *Sarasota County Library*



The Scar

By Charlotte Moundlic

When his mother dies, a little boy is angry at his loss but does everything he can to hold onto the memory of her scent, her voice, and the special things she did for him, even as he tries to help his father and grandmother cope. - *Sarasota County Library*



What Happens When A Loved One Dies?

By Dr. Jillian Roberts

Whether children are experiencing grief and loss for the first time or simply curious, it can be difficult to know how to talk to them about death. Using questions posed in a child's voice and answers that start simply and become more in-depth, this book allows adults to guide the conversation to a natural and reassuring conclusion. - *Amazon*