



Books about Pet Loss for Kids and Parents

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There are hundreds of books written about coping with loss and grief. When you are looking for one to help your family deal with pet loss, the selection can be overwhelming!

The following list represents stories that portray a variety of specific situations about losing a pet. It also provides a variety of approaches to helping children understand loss and heal their feelings of grief.

For Toddlers, Preschoolers and School-aged Children

<i>Jasper's Day</i>	Marjorie Blain Parker
<i>When a Pet Dies</i>	Fred Rogers (TV's Mr. Rogers)
<i>Saying Good-bye to LuLu</i>	Corinne Demas
<i>I Will Always Love You</i>	Hans Wilhelm
<i>The Tenth Good Thing about Barney</i>	Judith Viorst
<i>*A Special Place for Charlee</i>	Debby Morehead
<i>*Dog Heaven</i>	Cynthia Rylant
<i>*Cat Heaven</i>	Cynthia Rylant
<i>The Legend of Rainbow Bridge</i>	William Britton
<i>Saying Good-bye to Your Pet: Children Can Learn to Cope with Pet Loss (art therapy)</i>	Marge Eaton Heegaard
<i>Remembering My Pet: A Kid's Own Spiritual Workbook for When a Pet Dies (Multifaith)</i>	Nechama Liss-Levinson, Ph.D., Rev. Molly Phinney Baskette, and Lynn L. Caruso

For Teens and Young Adults

<i>A Snowflake in My Hand</i>	Samantha Mooney
<i>Lifetimes</i>	Bryan Mellonie
<i>*Goodbye Friend</i>	Gary Kowalski
<i>Paw Prints in the Stars</i>	Warren Hanson
<i>Mostly Bob</i>	Tom Corwin
<i>Swallowed by a Snake: The Gift of the Masculine Side of Healing</i>	Thomas R. Golden
<i>Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul</i>	Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Marty Becker, DVM, Carol Kline

*All of these titles are available through libraries, book stores or online book sellers. Selections marked by an * are available at www.veterinarywisdompetparents.com



For Parents

Grieving the Death of a Pet

Betty Carmack

Men and Grief

Carol Staudacher

***Kindred Spirit, Kindred Care:
Making Health Decisions on Behalf
of Our Animal Companions***

Shannon Fujimoto Nakaya, DVM

***When Your Pet Dies:
A Guide to Mourning,
Remembering and Healing***

Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D.

***The Final Farewell:
Preparing and Mourning***

Marty Touseley

***When Children Grieve:
For Adults to Help Children Deal
with Death, Divorce, Pet Loss, Moving
and Other Losses***

John W. James, Russell Friedman,
and Leslie Matthews

Great for the Whole Family

****Dog Blessings:
Poems, Prose, and Prayers
Celebrating Our Relationship with Dogs***

June Cotner

****Old Dogs
are the best dogs***

Gene Weingarten

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