



Pathfinder

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# Talking about Death

This pathfinder will be useful in discovering how to talk to children about death. It is designed to help parents find books and information to help facilitate conversations about this difficult topic.

## Resources

### Books

- \* *Always and Forever*, by Alan Durant (2004) - friend
- *Bear's Last Journey*, by Udo Weingelt (2003) - friend
- *Rudi's Pond*, by Eve Bunting (1988) - friend
- *Someone Special Dies*, by Joan Prestine (2003)
- *When Aunt Mattie Got Her Wings*, by Petra Mathers (2014) - family member
- \* *I Miss You: a First Look at Death*, by Pat Thomas (2001)
- *When Dinosaurs Die*, by Lauren K. Brown (1996)
- \* *Badger's Parting Gifts*, by Susan Varley (1984) - friend
- *Nana Upstairs and Nana Downstairs*, by Tomie DePaola (1973) - family member
- *Jasper's Day*, by Marjorie Parker (2002) - pet
- *Sammy in the Sky*, by Barbara Walsh (2011) - pet

### Web pages

- "Sesame Street: Grief."  
[www.sesamestreet.org/parents/topicsandactivities/topics/grief](http://www.sesamestreet.org/parents/topicsandactivities/topics/grief)
- "When Families Grieve"  
<http://www.pbs.org/parents/whenfamiliesgrieve/>
- Hospice.net - Children and Death  
<https://www.hospicenet.org/html/child.html>
- National Institute of Health: Patient Information Publications - Talking to Children about Death  
[http://www.cc.nih.gov/ccc/patient\\_education/pepubs/childeath.pdf](http://www.cc.nih.gov/ccc/patient_education/pepubs/childeath.pdf)

## Search Aides

- death
- dying
- grief
- talking to kids about death

### Subject Headings

(use in library catalog and print indexes)

- Death - Juvenile Fiction
- Death - Juvenile Literature
- Children and Death - Juvenile Fiction
- Children and Death

\* Librarian recommends  
 North Smithfield Library owns

### Video

- YouTube: Big Bird Learns about Death  
<http://youtu.be/9NjFbz6vGU8>



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