Big Conversations About Grief: Friends and Family

Just What to Do	Kyle Lukoff
When you see someone sad, it's only natural to want to cheer them up. But how? Some people like hugs but others don't. Sometimes a joke is more comforting than a card. How can you do the just-right-thing if you don't know what it is?	

A Walk in the Woods	Nikki Grimes
A grieving son follows a treasure map, left to him by his late father, through the woods they used to explore together.	

My Life with Losing a Sibling	Mari C. Schuh
Peyton sheds light on how she lived with her brother's sickness and then death. Peyton is not defined by her grief, but she misses her sibling every day. This book includes tips for kids about interacting with friends who are grieving.	

If Nathan Were Here	Mary Bahr Fritts
A young boy grieves the loss of his best friend and thinks about how things would be if he were still alive.	

My Grandfather's House	Bruce Coville
When his beloved grandfather dies, a young boy is full of questions. Where did Grampa go? Does this mean he doesn't love me anymore? This affecting story of remembrance and understanding, will comfort children who are dealing with the death of someone they love.	

Something Small: A Story About Remembering	Rebecca Honig-Friedman
Join Elmo's cousin Jesse as she discovers simple everyday ways to remember her father through familiar routines, favorite songs, stories, and special comfort items.	

Grief and Loss	Meg Gaertner
This book explains what grief is, the many forms it takes, and ways children can healthfully process and express it	

Death	Patricia Murphy
This book will help children learn about the feelings many people experience when they are grieving for a loved one. This sensitive book explores the ways people remember their loved ones and provides reassurance to any reader who has lost someone close to them.	

Why do People Die? : Helping Your Child Understand with Love and Illustrations	Cynthia MacGregor
This book explains death, its effect on the living, and some of the beliefs, customs, and rituals associated with it.	

Always Sisters: A Story of Loss and Love	Saira Mir
With the help of her family, friends, and school counselor, Raya finds a way to grieve the loss of her unborn sister, Nura, and to share the love she will always feel for her.	

Remembering Mom's Kubbat Halab	Medeia Sharif

Bushra and her brother miss their mother, including the way she made their favorite dish, kubbat halab, which had no equal. Bushra, her brother, and their father set out to learn how to make this special treat to honor and remember their mother.

Big Conversations About Grief: Pets and Animals

Chip	Federico Gastaldi
A young boy grieves when his fish dies, but his heart is full of the good memories he had with his friend.	

Goodbye, Bear	Jane Chapman
In this touching story about the death of a dear friend, children are introduced to the complex and often confusing feelings of grief. Bear's friends honor his memory as they learn how to cope with the loss.	

My Life with Losing a Pet	Mari C. Schuh
Abe sheds light on how his mother's service dog, Odin, was part of the family and how sad he is about the animal's death. Abe is not defined by his grief, but he misses his dog. This book includes tips for kids about interacting with friends who are grieving.	

Wonderful Goodbyes	Kelly Wu
This moving picture book is about how saying goodbye to a beloved pet is a celebration of everyday and everlasting love.	

Henry and Bea	Jessixa Bagley
When Bea's best friend, Henry, suddenly seems sad and stops talking to her, she gently tries to find out what is wrong. This book explores the complexity of grief in the loss of a beloved pet.	

Saying Goodbye to Lulu	Corinne Demas
When her dog Lulu dies, a girl grieves and learns to cherrish the memory of her dog.	

Being Brave for Bailey	Corey Gut

Bailey is a cherished family pet, but Bailey has become very sick and his quality of life has diminished. It's time for the family to make an extremely difficult decision. Death and euthanasia are difficult concepts for a child to grasp and accept.This book introduces these difficult subjects and helps guide children through the complex and frightening emotions that are inevitable.

The Day Tiger Rose Said Goodbye	**Jane Yolen**
Jane Yolen takes on this difficult subject with her usual grace and poetic sensitivity, focusing not on the death as much as the life in the last day of an older cat named Tiger Rose. Tiger Rose's kitten days are long gone and she's grown too tired to stay, so she says her goodbyes to all the creatures and the joys of her natural world.	