

Bibliography Listing
Grief

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F BAS

Baskin, Nora Raleigh. *What every girl (except me) knows*. Boston: Little, Brown, [2001].

Note: Twelve-year-old Gabby feels that she needs a mother to help her grow into a woman, so when things between her father and his latest girlfriend do not work out, Gabby set off for the last place she remembers seeing her own mother.

F BYA

Byars, Betsy. *A Blossom promise*. New York: Dell/Yearling, [1987].

Note: In the aftermath of a big flood in Alderson County, the Blossom family continues coping in their rare family style.

F CLA

Clark, Clara Gillow. *Hill Hawk Hattie*. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, [2003].

Note: Angry and lonely after her mother dies, eleven-year-old Hattie pretends to be a boy and joins her father on a adventure-filled rafting trip down the Delaware River in the late 1800s to transport logs from New York to Philadelphia.

F COM

Coman, Carolyn. *Many stones*. Asheville, NC: Front Street, [2000].

Note: After her sister Laura is murdered in South Africa, Berry and her estranged father travel there to participate in the dedication of a memorial in her name.

F CON

Conly, Jane Leslie. *Crazy lady!* HarperTrophy, [1993].

Note: As he tries to come to terms with his mother's death, Vernon finds solace in his growing relationship with the neighborhood outcasts, an alcoholic and her retarded son.

F COU

Couloumbis, Audrey. *Getting near to baby*. New York: Putnam, [1999].

Note: Although thirteen-year-old Willa Jo and her Aunt Patty seem to be constantly at odds, staying with her and Uncle Hob helps Willa Jo and her younger sister come to terms with the death of their family's baby.

F CRU

Crutcher, Chris. *The sledding hill*. New York: Greenwillow Books, [2005].

Note: Billy, recently deceased, keeps an eye on his best friend, fourteen-year-old Eddie, who has added to his home and school problems by becoming mute, and helps him stand up to a conservative minister and English teacher who is orchestrating a censorship challenge.

F CUM

Cummings, Priscilla. Red kayak. New York: Dutton Children's Books, [2004].

Note: Living near the water on Maryland's Eastern Shore, thirteen-year-old Brady and his best friends J.T. and Digger become entangled in a tragedy which tests their friendship and their ideas about right and wrong.

F DAN

Danziger, Paula. United Tates of America : the story and the scrapbook. New York: Scholastic, [2002].

Note: Eleven-year-old aspiring artist Skate experiences many changes when she enters middle school, finds her best friend drifting away from her, and loses her beloved great-uncle.

F DES

Dessen, Sarah. The truth about forever. New York: Viking, [2004].

Note: The summer following her father's death, Macy plans to work at the library and wait for her brainy boyfriend to return from camp, but instead she goes to work at a catering business where she makes new friends and finally faces her grief.

F FLE

Fletcher, Ralph. Flying solo. New York: Clarion, [1998].

Note: Rachel, having chosen to be mute following the sudden death of a classmate, shares responsibility with the other sixth-graders who decide not to report that the substitute teacher failed to show up.

F FRI

Friend, Natasha. Perfect. Minneapolis, MN: Milkweed Editions, [2004].

Note: Following the death of her father, a thirteen-year-old uses bulimia as a way to avoid her mother's and ten-year-old sister's grief, as well as her own.

F GRI

Griffin, Adele. Where I want to be. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, [2004].

Note: Two teenaged sisters, separated by death but still connected, work through their feelings of loss over the closeness they shared as children that was later destroyed by one's mental illness, and finally make peace with each other.

F HAM

Hamilton, Virginia. Cousins. New York, NY: Philomel Bks, [1990].

Note: Concerned that her grandmother may die, Cammy is unprepared for the accidental death of another relative.

F HEN

Henkes, Kevin. *Bird Lake moon.* New York, NY: Greenwillow Books, [2008].

Note: Twelve-year-old Mitch and his mother are spending the summer with his grandparents at Bird Lake after his parents separate, and ten-year-old Spencer and his family have returned to the lake where Spencer's little brother drowned long ago, and as the boys become friends and spend time together, each of them begins to heal.

F KAD

Kadohata, Cynthia. *Kira-kira.* New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, [2004].

Note: Chronicles the close friendship between two Japanese-American sisters growing up in rural Georgia during the late 1950s and early 1960s, and the despair when one sister becomes terminally ill.

F KEL

Kelly, Tom J. *Finn's going.* New York: Greenwillow Books, [2007].

Note: A ten-year-old English boy decides to run away after the sadness at home becomes unbearable following the death of his twin brother.

F MAC

MacLachlan, Patricia. *Baby.* New York: Delacorte Pr, [1993].

Note: Taking care of a baby left with them at the end of the tourist season helps a family come to terms with the death of their own infant son.

F MAR

Martin, Ann M. *Everything for a dog (MCPS 12 BES Grade 4-6)* New York: Feiwel and Friends, [2009].

Note: In parallel stories, Bone, an orphaned dog, finds and loses a series of homes, Molly, a family pet, helps Charlie through the grief and other after-effects of his brother's death, and lonely Henry pleads for a dog of his own.

F MCN

McNeill, J. D. *The last codfish.* New York: Henry Holt, [2005].

Note: Fifteen-year-old Tut lives in squalor with his fisherman father on the coast of Maine, but his English teacher and a new neighbor girl are determined to turn his life around and force him to speak, which he has not done since his mother's death.

F PAT

Paterson, Katherine. *Bridge to Terabithia.* New York: Crowell, [1977].

Note: The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm. **Also available as a Playaway**

F PHI

Philbrick, Rodman. *The young man and the sea.* Books on Tape/Random, [2004].

Note: After his mother's death, twelve-year-old Skiff Beaman decides that it is up to him to earn money to take care of himself and his father, so he undertakes a dangerous trip alone out on the ocean off the coast of Maine to try to catch a huge bluefin tuna.

F RYL

Rylant, Cynthia. *Missing May.* New York: Orchard Bks, [1992].

Note: After the death of the beloved aunt who has raised her, twelve-year-old Summer and her uncle Ob leave their West Virginia trailer in search of the strength to go on living.

F SCA

Scalora, Suza. *Evidence of angels.* New York: Harper, [2009].

Note: After the death of her beloved, a woman is plagued by questions, but as she opens her eyes to the beauty of the world around her, she begins to see that angels are everywhere.

F TOL

Tolan, Stephanie S. *Listen!* New York: HarperCollins, [2006].

Note: During her solitary convalescence from a crippling accident, twelve-year-old Charley finds a wild dog, and the arduous process of training him leads her to explore her feelings about her mother's death two years earlier.

F WIL

Wiles, Debbie. *Love, Ruby Lavender.* San Diego: Harcourt, [2001].

Note: When her quirky grandmother goes to Hawaii for the summer, nine-year-old Ruby learns to survive on her own in Mississippi by writing letters, befriending chickens as well as the new girl in town, and finally coping with her grandfather's death.

F WIL

Wiles, Debbie. *Each little bird that sings.* Orlando, FL: Harcourt, Inc, [2005].

Note: Comfort Snowberger is well acquainted with death since her family runs the funeral parlor in their small southern town, but even so the ten-year-old is unprepared for the series of heart-wrenching events that begins on the first day of Easter vacation with the sudden death of her beloved great-uncle Edisto.