

Loss: Grandparent

For Young Children (Ages 4-8)



A Time for Remembering
 Chuck Thurman
 (Ages 4-8), 25 pgs.

After his grandfather's death, a boy remembers the intimate experiences they shared and follows his grandfather's last request.



Children Also Grieve
 Interactive Workbook
 (Preschool), 70 pgs.

Henry is a dog who is sad because grandfather has died. He has lots of questions and feels very confused. This book follows Henry and his family through different stages of bereavement and shows the various ways in which he deals with his grief.



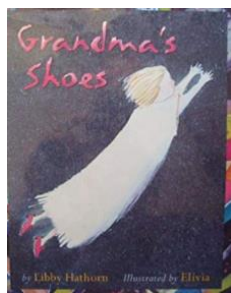
Come Back Grandma
 Sue Limb
 (Ages 4-8)

When Grandma dies, Bessie misses her and can't forget her. After all the pictures of joyful affection, a double-page spread shows the child alone and downcast at the graveside. Several illustrations show her with loving family and friends, still missing Grandma. Then comes the surprise: the story leaps ahead to when Bessie grows up, marries, and has a baby--who looks and acts "just like Grandma, only a little girl." The grief is heartfelt, and so is the quiet sense of renewal. Without heavy messages, this will help children to deal with loss and to look forward.



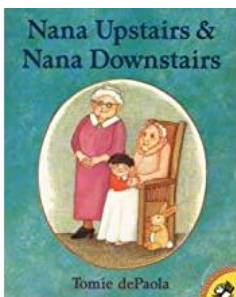
Finding Grandpa Everywhere
 John Hodge
 (Ages 4-8), 16 pgs.

A young child discovers memories of a grandparent. This book is beautifully illustrated with a storyline that addresses issues that children have after a grandparent dies. It includes a section for teachers and parents.




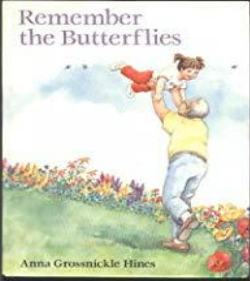


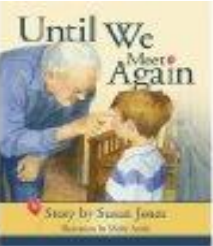
Grandma's Shoes
 Libby Hathorn
 (Ages 4-8)

After Grandma's death, family and friends comment sadly, "Who could ever step into such a woman's shoes." Her granddaughter wonders, too, who could ever do all that Grandma did to make people happy. Under a chair in the room the two of them shared is the key to understanding: a pair of Grandma's shoes. When the girl slips into them, she is whisked away on a fantasy journey filled with the smell of the woman's garden, the soft brush of butterfly wings like the touch of her hands, reminders of her stories.




Nana Upstairs & Nana Downstairs
 Tomie DePaola
 (Ages 4-8), 32 pgs.

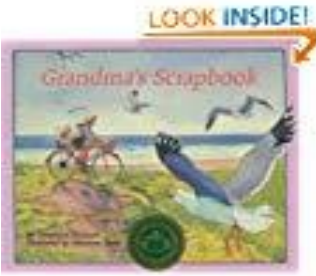
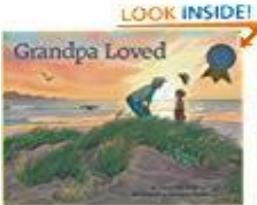

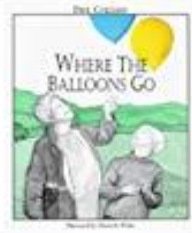

Every Sunday four-year-old Tommy's family goes to visit his grandparents. His grandmother is always busy downstairs, but his great-grandmother is always to be found in bed upstairs, because she is 94 years old. Tommy loves both of his nanas and the time he spends with them. He is desolate when his upstairs nana dies, but his mother comforts him by explaining that "she will come back in your memory whenever you think about her."

	<p>Poppy's Chair Karen Hesse (Ages 4-8), 32 pgs.</p>	<p>Leah visits her grandparents every summer, but this year is different. Her grandfather has passed away. Leah and Gramm do the things they always do, but Leah doesn't talk about Poppy - she can't even sit in his chair. Finally, after a long talk with Gramm, Leah is able to express her fears about death, to think about Poppy, and to feel happy about her memories.</p>
	<p>Remember the Butterflies Anna Grossnickle Hines (Ages 4-8)</p>	<p>When Grandpa dies, Holly and Glen remember the special times they had together, gardening, reading, and learning about butterflies.</p>
	<p>The Christmas Cactus Elizabeth Wrenn (Ages 4-8)</p>	<p>Megan doesn't want to hear that her Nana is dying. She picks up one of Nana's plants and tries to bring it back to health. The Christmas Season just isn't the same - all the colors of the season seem to be gone. But after Nana dies, Megan gets a very special present.</p>
	<p>The Goodbye Boat Mary Joslin (Ages 4-8), 32 pgs.</p>	<p>This picture book explores the difficult subject matter of the death of a loved one and a family's ensuing grief. Joslin and St. Louis Little introduce a young family enjoying a beach outing with an elderly woman. Before long, the woman and two children see a large ship approach and the woman apparently gets on board, sailing out of sight leaving "sad friends... weeping" on the shore. Later (several seasons have passed) we see her standing on the ship's deck "sailing somewhere new."</p>
	<p>Until We Meet Again Susan Jones (Ages 4-8), 64 pgs.</p>	<p>Treasured memories... come from ordinary moments. Between one winsome grandfather and one lucky little boy are keepsakes of the heart... memories made by the two of them for all time. Most are simple. Checkers and hot chocolate. Hugs and silly songs. A special wink that means we're in this together. But their time together is coming to an end. With insight and tenderness, author Susan Jones tells the story of what comes next for a little boy who discovers memory-making is a language of love that can be whispered across the years.</p>

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	<p>Grandfather's Shirt Barbara Morning (Ages 9-12)</p>	<p>A touching story about a young boy's relationship with his ailing Grandfather.</p>
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	<p>Grandma's Scrapbook Josephine Nobisso (Ages 9-12), 32 pgs.</p>	<p>A scrapbook of memorabilia chronicles the tender and sometimes zany moments shared between Grandma and her granddaughter during their seaside summers. Pages of the lively scrapbook are interspersed with watercolor-rendered photographs of the girl, now a teenager, as she reminisces about their relationship. The last summer in the scrapbook reveals how their roles have changed. Now the girl guides Grandma's wheelchair to places Grandma once brought her on the back of her bike or in a stroller. This poignant story uplifts and dignifies the experience of aging and loss, tingeing it not with sadness, but with hope and wonder.</p>
	<p>Grandpa Loved Josephine Nobisso (Ages 9-12), 32 pgs.</p>	<p>This is a recollection of the special times a young boy spent with his grandfather in the city, in the forest with the animals, at the beach, and with his family. Although the boy misses his beloved grandpa's presence he feels assured that his passing has brought him to a better place and he knows that his grandpa's love will always be with him.</p>
	<p>My Grandfather's House Bruce Coville (Ages 7-13), 27 pgs.</p>	<p>When a young boy's grandfather dies, he is very confused and left with a lot of questions. This book helps to validate a child's fears and questions surrounding death of a loved one. "We drove to a big white house called a funeral home, to see grandpa one last time. I was confused again. I couldn't understand how we could see him if he was gone."</p>
	<p>Where the Balloons Go Elizabeth Wilda (Ages 9-12)</p>	<p>Corey and his grandmother love to watch balloons floating up to the sky, and when she dies, Corey thinks of a special way to say goodbye.</p>
	<p>Where is Grandpa? T.A. Barron (Ages 7-13), 26 pgs.</p>	<p>When grandpa dies, a young boys family talks about all of the great times they each had with him. When the family asks the boy to remember some good times, all the boy could think about was..."Where's grandpa now?" This book touches on the subject of death, heaven, and what heaven means to each of us. "Maybe you could say that heaven is any place where people who love each other have shared some time together."</p>