



Children's Book List

for children raised by grandparents and/or children who have lost a loved one

The following books deal with children raised by grandparents and/or children who have lost a loved one.

Aarvy Aardvark Finds Hope Donna O'Toole. 1998. An aardvark's delayed grief over the loss of family begins to heal through the support of a caring friend. For all ages.

Abuela Arthur Dorros. Illustrated by Elisa Kleven. 1995. While riding on a bus with her grandmother, a little girl imagines they are carried up in the sky and fly over the sights of New York City. For ages four to eight. In English with Spanish phrases.

Abuela's Weave Omar S. Castaneda. 1993. A young Guatemalan girl and her grandmother weave some special creations which they hope to sell at the market. For ages four to eight.

Elephant in the Living Room: The Children's Book Jill Hastings & Marion Typpo. 1994. This book helps children from alcoholic homes learn about alcoholism, and teaches new ways to handle feelings. A companion book to *Elephant in the Living Room: A Leader's Guide for Helping Children of Alcoholics*. For ages seven to twelve.

A Lei for Tutu Rebecca Fellows. Illustrated by Linda Finch. 1998. Nahoia and her grandmother plan to make a particularly beautiful lei for Lei Day. When grandmother becomes ill and is taken to the hospital, Nahoia devises a special plan. For ages four to eight.

Belle Prater's Boy Ruth White. 1996. When Woodrow's mother disappears suddenly, he moves to his grandparents' home in a small Virginia town. He befriends his cousin and together they find the strength to face the terrible losses and fears in their lives. For young adults.

Can You Do This Old Badger? Eve Bunting. Illustrated by LeUyen Pham. 2000. Although Old Badger cannot do some things as easily as he used to, he can still teach Little Badger the many things he knows about finding good things to eat and staying safe and happy. For ages four to eight.

Dinosaurs Divorce: A Guide for Changing Families Laurie Krasny Brown & Marc Brown. 1988. Dinosaur characters depict the range of experiences and feelings encountered by children whose parents have divorced. For ages five to twelve.

Do I Have a Daddy? A Story About a Single-Parent Child Jeanne Warren Lindsay. Illustrated by Jami Moffett. 2000. This story provides a model for how to respond to children's questions about a parent they have never seen. For ages four to eight.

Daddy, Will You Miss Me? Wendy McCormick. Illustrated by Jennifer Eachus. 2002. A boy and his father think of many different ways to be in touch while the daddy spends a month in Africa. For ages four to eight.

Everett Anderson's Goodbye Lucille Clifton. *Illustrated by Ann Grifalconi. 1988.* Everett has a difficult time coming to terms with his grief after his father dies. For ages four to eight.

Good-bye Daddy! Brigitte Weninger. *Illustrated by Alan Marks. 1995.* After spending the day with his daddy, a young bear is sad and angry that his father has to leave. The bear comes to learn that even when a father has to live in another home, the love and caring never go away. Ages four to eight.

Grandmother's Adobe Dollhouse Mary Lou Smith. *Illustrated by Ann Blackstone. 1998.* A tour of Grandmother's dollhouse provides information about the architecture, art, food, and culture of New Mexico to her grandson. For all ages.

Grandmother's Nursery Rhymes. Nelly Palacio Jaramillo. *Illustrated by Elivia Savadler. 1999.* A collection of lullabies, tongue twisters and riddles from South America, written in English and Spanish. For ages four to eight.

Grandpa, Is Everything Black Bad? Sandy Lynne Holman. *Illustrated by Lela Kometiani.* An African-American boy learns about his African heritage and learns to be proud of his dark skin. Ages five to eight.

Grandpa's Garden Shea Darian. *Illustrated by Karlyn Holman. 1996.* Every Saturday Grandpa and granddaughter work in the garden, sharing words and thoughts. The lessons learned in the garden strengthen the granddaughter when Grandpa becomes ill. For ages four to eight.

It's Okay to Be Different Todd Parr. *2001.* There are many ways to be different and all of them are okay. For ages four to eight.

Keeping Up with Grandma John Winch. *2000.* When Grandma decides that it is time to have fun outdoors, Grandpa has trouble keeping up with her. For ages four to eight.

Kele's Secret Tololwa Mollel. *Illustrated by Catherine Stock. 1997.* A young African boy who lives with his grandparents on their coffee farm follows a hen named Kele in order to find out where she is hiding her eggs. For ages four to eight.

Kids and Grandparents: An Activity Book Ann Love & Jane Drave. *Illustrated by Heather Collins. 2000.* A collection of games, crafts, recipes, and activities to help grandparents and grandchildren stay connected and build on their special relationship. For ages four to twelve.

Let's Talk About Living

Mei-Mei Loves the Morning *Margaret Holloway Tsubakiyama. Illustrated by Cornelius Van Wright and Ying-Hwa Hu. 1999.* A little girl and her grandfather spend the morning at the park in a big city in China. For ages four to eight.

Nonna *Jennifer Bartoli & Joan E Drescher. 1975.* A boy tells the story of his grandmother, portraying how young children respond to the death of a loved one. Out of print, but used copies are available.

Our Granny *Margaret Wild. Illustrated by Julie Vivas. 1998.* A celebration of grandmothers of all shapes and sizes! For ages four to eight.

Robert Lives With His Grandparents *Martha Whitmore Hickman. Illustrated by Tim Hinton. 1995.* Robert's parents are divorced and he lives with his grandparents. When his grandmother decides to attend Parents Day at his school, he is afraid of what the other kids will think of him. Ages four to eight.

Saying Good-Bye to Grandma *Jane Resh Thomas. Illustrated by Marcia Sewall. 1988.* When her grandma dies, seven-year-old Suzie and her parents attend the funeral. Addresses many aspects of loss. For ages five to eight.

Secret of the Peaceful Warrior: A Story about Courage and Love *Dan Millan & T. Taylor Bruce. Illustrated by T. Taylor Bruce. 1991.* A young boy harassed by the school bully learns to resolve conflicts peacefully and to live as a "peaceful warrior." For ages nine to twelve.

The Button Box *Margaret Reid & Sarah Chamberlain. Illustrated by Sarah Chamberlain. 1995.* A little boy explores the treasures in his grandmother's button box. For ages four to eight.

The Day Gogo Went to Vote *Elinor Batezat Sisulu. Illustrated by Sharon Wilson. 1999.* Six-year-old Thembi and her 100 year old grandmother go together to vote on the day when black South Africans are allowed to vote for the first time. For ages four to eight.

The Hickory Chair *Lisa Rowe Fraustino. Illustrated by Benny Andrews. 2001.* A blind boy remembers a loving relationship with his grandmother and the gift she left him after her death. For ages four to eight.

The Saddest Time *Norma Simon. Jackie Rogers, photographer. 1987.* Losing a loved one is the subject of these three gentle stories. For ages four to eight.

The Tenth Good Thing About Barney *Judith Viorst. Illustrated by Erik Blegvad. 1987.* When his cat dies, a boy tries to think of ten good things to say about his pet at the funeral. For all ages.

Through Grandpa's Eyes *Patricia MacLachlan. Illustrated by Deborah Kogan Ray. 1983.* Grandpa is blind, but his grandson John learns about new sounds, smells and ways of doing everyday things by "seeing" the world as Grandpa does. For ages four to eight.

Today I Feel Silly & Other Moods That Make My Day *Jamie Lee Curtis. Illustrated by Laura Cornell. 1998.* A child's emotions range from silliness to anger to excitement, coloring and changing each day. Ages four to eight.

What! Cried Granny: An Almost Bedtime Story *Kate Lum. Illustrated by Adrian Johnson. 1999.* Patrick's first sleepover at his Granny's house is quite an adventure! For ages four to eight.

What Grandmas Do Best, What Grandpas Do Best *Laura Numeroff. Illustrated by Lynn Munsinger. 2000.* Grandparents can do many things but best of all, they give you lots of love. For preschoolers.

When A Friend Dies: A Book for Teens About Grieving and Healing *Marilyn Gootman. Illustrated by Deborah Prothrow-Stith. 1999.* Sensitively written and sensible. For teenagers.

When Sophie Gets Angry—Really, Really Angry... *Molly Garrett Bang. 1999.* People handle anger in different ways. When Sophie gets angry she climbs her favorite tree. For ages four to eight.

You are My I Love You *Maryann K. Cusimano. Illustrated by Satomi Ichikawa. 2001.* Gentle verses about the love between parent and child. For ages three to seven.

You Hold Me and I'll Hold You *Jo Carson. Illustrated by Annie Cannon. 1992.* When her great aunt dies, a little girl finds comfort at the memorial service by being held and in holding her father. For ages four to eight.

Zenon Kar Spaceball Star (Zenon: Girl of the 21st Century, #2) *Marilyn Sadler. Illustrated by Roger Bollen. 2001.* Zenon creates trouble at her space station home somewhere in the Milky Way, and her parents send her to her grandparents' farm on Earth for the summer. For ages four to eight.