

## PET LOSS RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

### Books

1. Bryan Mallonie & Robert Ingpen, Lifetimes: The Beautiful Way to Explain Death to Children, 1983, New York: Bantam Books; death as part of the life cycle
2. Debbie Morehead, A Special Place for Charlee: A Child's Companion through Pet Loss, 1996, Broomfield CO: Partners in Publishing, LLC; story of dog's aging and death, kind veterinarian
3. Fred Rogers, When a Pet Dies, reissue 1998, 1988, New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons; color photos, including veterinarian's office, multi-cultural
4. Susan Varley, Badger's Parting Gifts, 1984, New York: William Morrow & Company; after his death, Badger's (Wind in the Willows) sad friends begin to feel better as they remember things he taught them
5. Judith Viorst, The Tenth Good Thing about Barney, 1971, New York: Macmillan Publishing Company; young boy loses his cat, ceremony and burial
6. E. B. White & Garth Williams, Charlotte's Web, 1999, 1952, New York: HarperCollins Juvenile Books (also on audiotape & videotape); farm girl saves life of piglet, spider befriends & saves his life again, pig mourns spider's death from old age
7. Hans Wilhelm, I'll Always Love You, 1989, New York: Crown Publishing; one day a boy's dachshund doesn't wake up
8. 4 with slightly religious flavor
  - Nechama Liss-Levinson, PhD & Rev. Molly Phinney Baskette, Remembering My Pet: A Kid's Own Spiritual Workbook for When a Pet Dies, 2007, Woodstock VT: SkyLight Paths Publishing; interactive workbook with spaces for pictures, thoughts, as well as narrative about feelings, beliefs; good for children of any faith or none at all
  - Elizabeth Jane Coatsworth & Lynd Ward, The Cat who Went to Heaven, 1983, 1931, New York: Simon & Schuster; poor artist is commissioned to paint a picture of animals bidding farewell to the Buddha, his beloved cat wants to be included, even though according to legend, cats weren't there
  - Christine Davis, For Every Dog an Angel, 1997, Portland OR: Lighthearted Press; every dog has a guardian angel, even after death, keeping watch till "forever person" joins pet

- Cynthia Rylant, Cat Heaven, 1997, New York: Scholastic Press; what heaven is like for cats. . . they all sleep on God's bed

## **TV**

1. "Harold and the Purple Crayon: I remember Goldie" HBO Family, original airdate 2/2/02 young child wonders what happened to his goldfish, whether it was his fault, and how he can get over feeling of loss

## **Video**

1. The Land Before Time (1988), director Don Bluth; young dinosaur is orphaned on a journey to a better land, speculates on what death means, has adventures with other dinosaurs, is reunited with grandparents

## **CD**

1. Jim Chappell, Comfort Songs: Music for Natural Healing (14 instrumentals), [www.comfortsongs.com](http://www.comfortsongs.com)
2. Ian & Sylvia: "Ian & Sylvia" song "Old Blue" Vanguard Records (USA) / 1995-04-26

## **Web Sites**

1. The Animal Medical Center
  - <http://www.amcny.org>
2. Calvin and Hobbes comic strip on death of baby raccoon, 3/9/87-3/18/87
  - <http://www.gocomics.com/calvinandhobbes/1987/03/09/>
3. Gratefulness.org: Light a virtual candle, leave a message, & tell friends
  - <http://www.gratefulness.org/practice/>

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