

Sob Stories

- Youth Fic Bahr, Mary **The Memory Box** Grade 2-4
 When Gramps realizes he has Alzheimers’ Disease, he starts a memory box with his grandson Zach, to keep the memory of all the times they had shared.
- Youth Fic Banerjee, Anjali Looking for Bapu Grade 4 – 6
 Anu's beloved grandfather Bapu moved from India to Anu's home in the Pacific Northwest when Anu was small, and Anu is devastated when Bapu dies. But when he is visited by Bapu's ghost, he knows that there must be a way to bring him back to life.
- Youth Fic Blume, Judy **Tiger Eyes** Grade 4-7
 Resettled in the “Bomb City” with her mother and brother, Davey Wexler recovers from the shock of her father’s death from a hold-up of his 7-Eleven store in Atlantic City.
- Youth Fic Bohlmeijer, Arno **Something Very Sorry** Grade 4-7
 During a hospital stay after a serious traffic accident, nine-year-old Rose worries about her own injuries and the condition of her father and younger sister and comes to terms with her mother’s death.
- Youth Fic Brooks, Bruce **Everywhere** Grade 3-6
 Afraid that his beloved grandfather will die after suffering a heart attack, a nine-year-old boy agrees to join a mysterious ritual called soul switching.
- Youth Fic Buchanan, Jane **Gratefully Yours** Grade 4-6
 In 1923 nine-year-old Hattie rides the Orphan Train from New York to Nebraska where she must adjust to a strange new life with a farmer and his wife who is despondent over the loss of her two children.
- Youth 128.5 Buscaglia, Leo **The Fall of Freddie the Leaf** All ages
 As Freddie experiences the changing seasons along with his companion leaves, he learns about the delicate balance between life and death.
- Youth Fic Byars, Betsy **A Blossom Promise** Grade 4-6
 In the aftermath of a big flood in Alderson Country, the Blossom family continues coping in their rare family style.
- Youth Fic Carris, Joan **Aunt Morbelia & the Screaming
 Skulls** Grade 4-7
 The peaceful life of a boy with dyslexia is interrupted when his great-aunt, who has a morbid fascination with ghosts and death omens, moves in.

- Youth Fic Cavanagh, Helen **The Last Piper** Grade 4-6
During a family trip to Scotland, thirteen-year-old Christis becomes convinced that her asthmatic younger brother is the reincarnation of a Scotsman who was hanged fifty years earlier.
- Youth Fic Clifford, Eth **The Remembering Box** Grade 3-5
Nine year old Joshua's weekly visits to his beloved grandmother gives him an understanding of love, family and tradition which helps him accept her death.
- Newbery Conly, Jane **Crazy Lady!** Grade 6-9
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.
- Youth Fic Danziger, Paula **Amber Brown is Feeling Blue** Grade 2-4
Nine-year-old Amber faces further complications because of her parents' divorce when her father plans to move back from Paris and she must decide which parent she will be with on Thanksgiving.
- Youth Fic DeClements, Barthe **The Fourth Grade Wizards** Grade 4-6
After her mother dies, Marianne becomes a daydreamer and begins to fall behind in her schoolwork until the arrival of a new puppy and her father's remarriage put her on a new course.
- Youth Fic Draanen, Wendelin V **How I Survived Being a Girl** Grade 3-6
Twelve-year-old Carolyn, who always wished she were a boy, begins to see things in a new light when her sister is born.
- Youth Fic Ferber, Brenda **Julia's Kitchen** Grade 4 – 6
Complete with a glossary of Hebrew and Yiddish terms and a recipe for chocolate chip cookies, this debut novel is a joyous tribute to the resiliency of the human spirit as it follows a young girl through shiva, the Jewish mourning period.
- Youth Fic Giff, Patricia **The Gift of the Pirate Queen** Grade 4+
Sixth grader Grace, her mother dead and her only sister ill with diabetes, learns to be brave like the pirate queen Grace O'Malley whom her Irish cousin says she resembles.
- Youth Fic Graeber, Charlotte **Mustard** Grade 2-4
Eight-year-old Alex and his family try to come to terms with the old age and death of their beloved cat.
- Youth Fic Greene, Constance **Beat the Turtle Drum** Grade 6-8
A young girl learns to cope with her feelings about her sister's accidental death.
- Youth Fic Hamilton, Virginia **Cousins** Grade 4-6

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

- Youth Fic Henkes, Kevin **Sun & Spoon** Grade 5-7
After the death of his grandmother, ten-year-old Spoon observes the changes in his grandfather and tries to find the perfect artifact to preserve his memories of her.
- Youth Fic Hobbs, Valerie **Carolina Crow Girl** Grade 4-7
After eleven-year-old Carolina begins to make decisions for herself and no longer feels constrained by her mother, she is able to let her pet crow fly free.
- Youth Fic Hobbs, Valerie **Defiance** Grade 4 – 6
While vacationing in the country, eleven-year-old Toby, a cancer patient, learns some important lessons about living and dying from an elderly poet and her cow.
- Youth Fic Hurwitz, Johanna **Ozzie On His Own** Grade 4-6
When Ozzie's best friend goes away for the summer, he makes some new friends, but then his father has a heart attack and he feels very much alone.
- Newbery L'Engle, Madeleine **A Ring Of Endless Light** Grade 7+
During the summer her grandfather is dying of leukemia and death seems all around, fifteen-year-old Vicky finds comfort with a pod of dolphins with whom she has been doing research.
- Youth Fic Marino, Jan **Eighty-Eight Steps to September** Grade 3-6
A little girl's happy pre-school life changes when she learns her brother isn't going to come home from the hospital.
- Youth Fic Maynard, Bill **Rock River** Grade 4-7
Twelve-year-old Luke's summertime adventures along the river are haunted by the memory of his older brother Robert who died being a daredevil in the same place a year and a half earlier.
- Newbery Miles, Niska **Annie and the Old One** Grade 3-5
A Navajo girl unravels a day's weaving on a rug whose completion she believes will mean the death of her grandmother.
- Youth Fic Mills, Claudia **Dinah Forever** Grade 5-8
As she tries to cope with her thoughts about death by talking with her elderly friend, Dinah wonders about the importance of seventh grade elections, the school play, and even her relationship with Nick Tribble.
- Youth Fic Moulten, Deborah **Summer Girl** Grade 5-9

Because her mother is dying, Tommy is sent to live with her estranged father and she gradually comes to understand him and the death of the woman they both love.

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| Youth Fic | Orgel, Doris | Whiskers Once and Always | Grade 3-5 |
| | When her beloved cat Whiskers dies, Rebecca finds it difficult at first to vent her anger and accept her mother's comfort. | | |
| Youth Fic | Park, Barbara | Mick Harte Was Here | Grade 3-5 |
| | Thirteen-year-old Phoebe recalls her younger brother Nick and his death from a biking accident. | | |
| Newbery | Paterson, Katherine | Bridge to Terabithia | Grade 5 + |
| | The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a girl who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway Terabithia during a storm. | | |
| Youth Fic | Paterson, Katherine | Flip Flop Girl | Grade 5 + |
| | Uprooted following the death of her father, nine-year-old Vinnie and her five-year-old brother cope in different ways—one in silence—but both with the help of Lupe, the flip-flop girl. | | |
| Youth Fic | Paulsen, Gary | A Christmas Sonata | Grade 3-6 |
| | When a little boy spends Christmas with his dying cousin, they discover that Santa really does exist. | | |
| Youth Fic | Polikoff, Barbara | Life's a Funny Proposition, Horatio | Grade 5-7 |
| | As Horatio tries to adjust to the death of his father from lung cancer, O.P., Horatio's grandfather mourns the loss of his dog Mollie. | | |
| Youth Fic | Roberts, Willo Davis | The One Left Behind | Grade 5- 7 |
| | Mandy's life changes forever when her ten-year-old twin sister eats a hamburger tainted with E coli and dies. | | |
| Youth Fic | Rocklin, Joanne | Strudel Stories | Grade 3-6 |
| | Seven generations of a Jewish family hear stories of their family history, all told while making apple strudel. | | |
| Newbery | Rylant, Cynthia | Missing May | Grade 5-8 |
| | After the death of the beloved aunt who has raised her, twelve-year-old Summer and her Uncle Ob leave West Virginia in search of the strength to go on living. | | |
| Youth Fic | Siebold, Jan | Rope Burn | Grade 4-6 |

While working on a writing assignment at his new school, Richard learns the meaning of various proverbs and how to express his feelings about his parents' divorce.

- Youth Fic Sirof, Harriet **Bring Back Yesterday** Grade 5-8
When her parents die in a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Lisa escapes from her grief and her new life with her aunt by returning to the past and an imaginary playmate.
- Youth Fic Slepian, Jan **Back to Before** Grade 5-8
Eleven-year-old cousins Linny and Hilary find themselves transported back to their old neighborhood to a time just before Linny's mother died and Hilary's father left home.

- Youth Fic Smith, Doris **A Taste of Blackberries** Grade 3-5
A young boy recounts his efforts to adjust to the accidental death of his best friend.
- Youth Fic Stewart, Elisabeth **Bimmi Finds a Cat** Grade 2-5
An eight-year-old Creole boy on Galveston Island grieves the death of his cat Crabmeat but when a lost cat leads him to a new friend he starts to heal.
- Youth Fic Stolp, Hans **The Golden Bird** Grade 4-6
Dying of cancer, ten-year-old Daniel is comforted by many people but finds his greatest solace in the visits of a phoenix-like golden bird and its vision of rebirth and renewal.
- Youth Fic Strasser, Todd **Close Call** Grade 4-6
A group of fifth and sixth graders find a way to deal with personal differences, family problems and some rock-throwing high school boys so they can play the game they love.
- Youth Fic Thomas, Jane **Saying Good-bye to Grandma** Grade 1-3
Seven-year-old Suzie is curious and fearful about what Grandma's funeral will be like.
- Youth Fic Tiffault, Benette **A Quilt for Elizabeth** Grade 1-4
When Elizabeth's father dies, her grandmother and she make a quilt that is full of memories for them both.
- Youth Fic Tolan, Stephanie **Listen!** Grade 4 – 6
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.

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