

Book Recommendations for Families

Books for kids who have a parent with cancer

The Goodbye Cancer Garden by Janna Matthies. Breast Cancer specific.

Mom Has Cancer! (Let's Talk About It Series) by Jennifer Moore-Mallinos

Promises by Elizabeth Winthrop

Our Family Has Cancer, Too by Christine Clifford. Interactive book.

The Feelings Book by Todd Parr

Feelings to Share from A to Z by Todd Snow

Ida B by Katherine Hannigan. Recommended for ages 9 and older

Butterfly Kisses and Wishes on Wings by Ellen McVicker

When Someone You Love Has Cancer: A Guide to Help Kids Cope by Alaric Lewis

You are the Best Medicine by Julie Aigner Clark

There's No Such Thing as a Dragon by Jack Kent. Recommended for ages 7-9

Sky Memories by Pat Brisson Recommended for ages 9-12

When Your Parent Has Cancer: A Guide for Teens. NCI e-book

<https://www.cancer.gov/publications/patient-education/When-Your-Parent-Has-Cancer.pdf>

Books for kids about death and grief

The Pond by Nicola Davies

Death is Stupid by Anastasia Higginbotham

Wherever You Are: My Love Will Find You by Nancy Tillman

Lifetimes by Bryan Mellonie

When Dinosaurs Die: A Guide to understanding Death by Marc Brown

The Invisible String by Patrice Karst

The Next Place by Warren Hanson

You are Not Alone: Teens Talk about Life after the Loss of a Parent by Lynn Hughes.
Recommended for teens and pre-teens.

How Do We Tell the Children? By Dan Schaeffer and Christine Lyons. For parents who want to know more about talking to children and teens about grief and loss.

Books for parents

What Do I Tell The Kids? E-book:

https://www.cancersupportcommunity.org/sites/default/files/uploads/living-with-cancer/topics/guide/fsac_what_do_i_tell_the_kids.pdf?v=1

The Whole-Brain Child by Daniel Siegal, M.D. and Tine Payne Bryson, Ph.D

When a Parent Has Cancer: A Guide to Caring for Your Children by Wendy Harpham M.D.

Cancer In the Family: Helping Children Cope with a Parent's Illness by American Cancer Society

When Someone You Love Has Cancer by Cecil Murphey

Can I Still Kiss You? Answering Your Children's Questions about Cancer by Neil Russell

Helping You Children Cope with Your Cancer: A guide for Parents and Families by Peter VanDerNoot

How to Help Children Through a Parent's Serious Illness by Kathleen McCue

Talking about Death: A Dialogue between Parent and Child by Earl Grollman