



## PARENTING BOOKS

**Good-bye, Sheepie** J-Parents Burleigh  
A father teaches his young son about death and remembrance as he buries their beloved dog.

**Remember Rafferty** J-Parents Johnson  
A book about the death of a pet ... for children of all ages.

**Cat Heaven** J-Parents Rylant  
God created Cat Heaven, with fields of sweet grass where cats can play, kitty-toys for them to enjoy, and angels to rub their noses and ears.

**Dog Heaven** J-Parents Rylant  
God created Dog Heaven, a place where dogs can eat ice cream biscuits, sleep on fluffy clouds, and run through unending fields.

**The Tenth Good Thing About Barney**  
J-Parents Viorst  
In an attempt to overcome his grief, a boy tries to think of the ten best things about his cat.

**Sammy in the Sky** J-Parents Walsh  
A little girl tells about her special pet, Sammy, "the best hound dog in the whole world," and how, after he becomes sick and dies, she comes to know the truth of her mother's words, that Sammy's spirit is everywhere.



## I Miss My Pet: A First Look at When a Pet Dies

J-Parents 155.937 Thomas  
Offers advice to children on how to deal with the death of a pet, and addresses common worries and questions surrounding the experience of loss.



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# THE LOSS OF A PET



A SPECIAL FRIEND IS A  
WONDERFUL GIFT TO HAVE  
AND A DIFFICULT THING TO  
LOSE.





## PICTURE BOOKS

### **Up in Heaven** JJ Chichester

When Arthur's dog Daisy dies, she watches over him from Heaven and eventually helps him find a new puppy.

### **The Forever Dog** JJ Cochran

Mike and his dog Corky plan to be best friends forever, so when Corky becomes sick and dies, Mike is angry about the broken promise.

### **Saying Goodbye to Lulu** JJ Demas

When her dog Lulu dies, a girl grieves but then continues with her life.

### **Goodbye Mousie** JJ Harris

A boy grieves for his dead pet Mousie, helps to bury him, and begins to come to terms with his loss.

### **My Old Pal, Oscar** JJ Hest

A young boy, missing his old dog, finds a stray dog on the beach but isn't sure he is ready for a new friend.

### **Sally Goes to Heaven** JJ Huneck

A beloved dog dies and goes to heaven where she lives happily and helps to find her family on earth a new pet.



### **Better With Two** JJ Joosse

Laura tries to make Mrs. Brady feel better when her dog Max dies.

### **Goodbye Max** JJ Keller

Ben blames his parents for the death of his dog, Max, and does not want the new puppy they brought home.

### **The Best Cat in the World**

JJ Newman

A young boy deals with the loss of his beloved cat, Charlie, eventually accepting the arrival of another, very different cat.

### **Bone Dog** JJ Rohmann

Although devastated when his pet dog dies, a young boy goes trick-or-treating and receives a timely visit from an old friend during a scary encounter with graveyard skeletons.

### **Harry & Hopper** JJ Wild

One day when Harry comes home from school, his faithful companion Hopper isn't there to greet him, in a touching story about the process of healing after losing a pet.



## EARLY READERS

### **Goodbye to Goldie**

JE Manushkin

Katie Woo learns different ways to cope with the death of her dog.



## NON-FICTION BOOKS

### **The Smart Kid's Guide to Losing a Pet**

J 155.937 Petersen

Discusses what happens when a pet dies, explores ways to remember a pet, and provides strategies for coping with grief.

