

## Recommended Books and Articles

Bookman, M. (2021). *A descending spiral: Exposing the death penalty in twelve essays*. New York/London: The New Press. (A dozen essays are used to explain different but interwoven problems inherent in death penalty cases.)

Brown, M. (1996). *When dinosaurs die: A guide to understanding death*. New York/Boston: Little Brown & Company. (A book for children that explains death, dying, and grief in simple language. A short glossary is at the end.)

Bucholz, J. *Homicide survivors misunderstood grievers*. (2002) Baywood, NY: (A detailed exploration of repeat victimization written for other professionals, funeral directors, law enforcement, and the judicial system. A legal glossary is included.)

Canty, J. (2020) *A life divided* (2020). Domino Effect Press. (Survivor account of spousal homicide and the long-term impact).

Cardena, E. L. & Krippner, S. (Eds.) (2014). *Varieties of anomalous experience* Washington D.C., APA Press.

Conrad, B. (1998). *When a child has been murdered: Ways you can help the grieving parents* London: Routledge Press. (A concise guide for interacting with grieving parents using statements made by parents whose children were murdered.)

Devine, M. (2017). *It's OK that you're not OK: Meeting grief and loss in a culture that doesn't understand*. Boulder, CO: Sounds True Pub. (Survivor account of the accidental drowning of a boyfriend.)

Dougy Center Bookstore *After a Murder: A Workbook for Grieving Kids*. ISBN 978-1-890534-07-3  
<https://dougycbookstore.org/products/after-a-murder-a-workbook-for-grieving-kids?variant=39721296101527>

Edwards-Jorgensen, S. (2022). *Beautiful Ashes: A True Story of Murder, Betrayal, and One woman's Search for Peace*. Edgeworth Group Pub. (Loss of mother to murder by father.)

Fisher, S. (2017). *Breaking Sad: What to say after loss, what not to say and when to just show up*. She Writes Press (General advice on what to say after a death in various situations, such as sudden death, an expected lingering death, child loss.)

Frankl, V. *Man's search for meaning* (1946). Vienna: Austria: Verlag fur Jugend und Volk

Publishing House (German) and Boston, Mass: Beacon Press (English). (Survivor account of living through a concentration camp in Germany.)

Funeral Service Foundation (2020). *Youth and funerals: Understanding the important role funerals and memorialization play in the lives of youth*. Funeral Service Foundation: Brookfield, WI (Overview of funerals for teens.)

Grollman, E. (1993). *Straight talk about death for teenagers: How to cope with losing someone you love*. Boston: Beacon Press (A book on grief for children ages 12 and up.)

Harris-Hendricks, J., Black, D. & Kaplan, T. (2002). *When father kills mother: Guiding children through trauma and grief*. London: Routledge Press (A rare look at familicide and how to help children cope.)

Hickman, M. (1994). *Healing after loss*. New York, NY: Avon Books. (A daily meditation guide for working through grief)

Hipp, E. (1995). *Help for the hard times: Getting through loss*. Center City, MN: Hazelden. (Discussing grief with teens.)

Jamison, K. (1999) *Night falls fast: Understanding suicide*. Knopf (discusses causes of suicide and the imperative to prevent it).

Janoff-Bulman, R. (2002). *Shattered assumptions: Towards a new psychology of trauma*. New York, NY: The Free Press Pub. (Examines how basic beliefs or assumptions about the world are shattered by traumatic events and how trauma survivors are subject to self-blame to adjust to the brutality.)

Jenkins, B. (1998). *What to do when the police leave* Richmond, Virginia: WBJ Press. (A short guide for early tasks after the death notification written by a homicide survivor.)

Joiner, T. (2007). *Why people die by suicide*. Harvard University Press (A suicide survivor's explanation of suicide based on research.)

Karmen, A. (2004). *Crime victims: An introduction to victimology*. CA. Wadsworth/Thompson

Karst, P. (2018). *The Invisible string* New York: NY: Little Brown Books. (A children's book for preschool to age 8 on death and grief.)

Magee, D. (1983). *What murder leaves behind: The victim's family*. (A series of interviews with victim families illustrates what it's like to live in the aftermath of murder.)

Manning, D. (2011). *Don't take my grief away from me: How to walk through grief and learn to live again*. Oklahoma City, OK: In-Sight Books. (Discusses common emotions and experiences that come with the death of a loved one. Does not focus on homicide.)

McCall, K. (2019). *For the love of family*. New York: NY: Newman Springs Pub. (Father's account of the homicide of his adult son written as his personal journal .)

Palmieri, A., Calvo, V., Kleinbub, J., Meconi, F., Marangoni, M., Barilaro, P., Broggio, A., Sambin, M. & sessa, P. (2014, June 19). *Reality of near-death experiences memories: Evidence from a psychodynamic and electrophysiological integrated study*. *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience* 8(429)

O'Hara, K &Gottlieb, D. (2006). *A grief like no other: Surviving the violent death of someone you love*. New York: NY: DeCapo Lifelong Books. (A story of a double kidnapping and murder with tips for surviving such a tragedy.)

Roberts, K. *The psychology of victim-blaming: When people want to believe that the world is just, and that bad things won't happen to them, empathy can suffer*.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2016/10/the-psychology-of-victim-blaming/502661/> The Atlantic.

Thompson-Cannino, J. (2010). *Picking Cotton: A memoir of injustice and redemption*. New York, NY: St. Martin's Press. (A memoir about an unlikely bond between a rape victim held at knifepoint and the man she incorrectly identified as her rapist who spent 11 years incarcerated before his exoneration based largely on her eyewitness testimony.)

Sackman, B., Vecchione, M. & Schmetterer, J. (2020). *Behind the murder curtain* (2020) New York, NY: Post Hill Press (An investigation into the largely unknown world of serial homicide by physicians).

Saindon, C. (2014). *Murder survivor's handbook: Real life stories, tips, and resources* San Diego: Wigeon Publishing. (Explains various challenges which homicide survivors face using vignettes of actual survivors.)

Schweibert, P. (2005). *Tear soup: A recipe for healing after loss*. New York, NY: Grief Watch (This book is on grief for preteens on up).

The Dougy Center (2002). *After a murder: A workbook for grieving kids*. (A workbook for children to show they are not alone in their feelings and experiences. It contains drawing activities, puzzles, and word games specific to a murder. Most proper for ages 8 – 10.)

van der Kolk, B. (2014). *The body keeps the score*. New York, NY: Random House. (A classic book in psychology, somewhat on the technical side for mental health professionals and homicide survivors wishing to learn about the interface between mind and body in trauma in detail.)

Wolfelt, A. (2013). *Finding the words*. Fort Collins, CO: Companion Press. (A guide on how to talk with children and teens about death, suicide, funerals, homicide, cremation, and other end-of-life matters.)

*The Atlantic: A Grief Like No Other*. <https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/1997/09/a-grief-like-no-other/376944/>