



## Non-Fiction

### Self-help and Guides

**When A Friend Dies: A Book for Teens About Grieving & Healing** by Marilyn E. Gootman, Ed.D.  
YA 155.937 G

Pocket guide to what teens might be experiencing after the death of a friend. Includes quotes from other teens, philosophers, and writers.

**The Grieving Teen: A Guide for Teenagers and Their Friends**  
by Helen Fitzgerald  
YA 155.937 F

Straight-forward and teen-specific handbook with concise chapters and sub-sections. Includes coping strategies from teens who have experienced loss.

**Coping With Grieving and Loss**  
by Sandra and Owen Giddens  
YA 155.937 G

Part of the "Coping With" series for teens, the Giddens explore loss, grief, and mourning the death of a loved one.

**You Are Not Alone: Teens Talk About Life After the Loss of a Parent** by Lynne B. Hughes  
YA 155.937 H

The author, who also lost her parents at a young age, takes teens through the grief process.

**Living When a Young Friend Commits Suicide:**  
*Or Even Starts Talking About It*  
by Earl A. Grollman and Max Malikow  
YA 362.283 G

Discusses grief specific to suicide. A possible companion read to the fictional After the death of Anna Gonzales (see Poetry and Verse Novels).

## Poetry and Verse Novels



**For colored girls who have considered suicide, when the rainbow is enuf; a choreopoem.**

by Ntozake Shange  
811 S

Based on the Broadway production, Shange's individual poems and prose culminate in one artistic statement. **Also available in:** DVD, VHS.

**After the death of Anna Gonzales** by Terri Fields  
811 F

Poems written by the classmates of a high school girl who has committed suicide.

**One of those hideous books where the mother dies**  
by Sonya Sones  
FIC SONES

When Ruby's mother dies, she moves to Los Angeles to live with a famous father she's never met.



**YOU ARE NOT ALONE**



## Books ...

### *Death Grief and Loss for Teens*



Brooklyn Public Library  
Youth Services  
Brooklyn, NY

Compiled by Karen Keys for LIS 677



## Fiction



### Dear Zoe

by Philip Beard  
YA FIC BEARD

In an attempt to figure out her own life, Tess DeNunzio writes to her three-year-old sister who was killed in a hit-and-run accident on September 11, 2001.

### Wasteland

by Francesca Lia Block  
YA FIC BLOCK

When a brother and sister act on their feelings of attraction for each other, one commits suicide.

### All That Remains

by Bruce Brooks  
YA FIC BROOKS

Three novellas investigate the influences of death from a teen perspective.

### Martyn Pig

by Kevin Brooks  
YA FIC BROOKS

When Martyn's alcoholic father dies accidentally, he teams up with his neighbor to cover up the death and get rid of the body.



### Say Goodnight, Gracie

by Julie Reece Deaver  
YA FIC DEAVER

After Morgan's best friend, Jimmy, dies in a car accident, she must find a way to cope.



### A Swift Pure Cry

by Siobhan Dowd  
YA FIC DOWD

After her mother's death and her father's resulting self-isolation, Shell begins to believe her mother's spirit has returned.

### Whirligig

by Paul Fleischman  
YA FIC FLEISCHMAN

When Brent Bishop kills a girl in a drunk driving accident, her mother requests that Brent build whirligigs at the corners of the United States. **Also available in:** eAudio and audio-cassette.

### Keeper of the Night

by Kimberly Willis Holt  
YA FIC HOLT

Set in Guam, Isabel attempts to deal with her mother's suicide. **Also available in:** audio-cassette.

### Toning the Sweep

by Angela Johnson  
YA FIC JOHNSON

While visiting her cherished Grandmama Ola, who is dying from cancer, Emmie listens to and learns the stories of her family'.



## Fiction



### Kira-Kira

by Cynthia Kadohata  
YA FIC KADOHATA

Two Japanese-American sisters move, with their family, to Georgia. When the older sister becomes terminally ill, the younger sister attempts to still see things as *kira-kira*, or glittering. **Also available in:** CD.



### A Ring of Endless Light

by Madeleine L'Engle  
J FIC L

While her grandfather's leukemia worsens, Vicky finds solace in assisting her brother's friend with dolphin experiments.

### Swallowing Stones

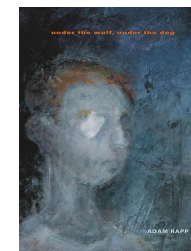
by Joyce McDonald  
YA FIC MCDONALD

Michael fires his rifle and accidentally kills a man a mile away. The man's daughter, Jenna, struggles with her own grief. **Also available in:** audio-cassette.



### Under the Wolf, Under the Dog

by Adam Rapp  
YA FIC RAPP



Steve Nuggent journals from Burnstein Grove, an institution for addicts and suicide attempters, about his mother's cancer and brother's suicide.