

North Tyneside Libraries'

death positive book list



A book list providing titles to help break down taboos around death and dying

Adult non-fiction

Finding joy ❖ Gary Andrews

The other side of sadness: what the new science of bereavement tells us about life after loss ❖ George A Bonanno

The d-word: talking about dying; a guide for relatives, friends and carers ❖ Sue Brayne

Last orders: your executors' guide to your letter of wishes ❖ Patricia C Byron

Tell me the truth about loss: a psychologist's personal journey through loss, grief and finding hope ❖ Niamh Fitzpatrick

Let's talk about death (over dinner): an invitation and guide to life's most important conversation ❖ Michael Hebb

Am I going to die? ❖ Sheila Hollins

All the ghosts in the machine: the digital afterlife of your personal data ❖ Elaine Kasket

We all know how this ends: lessons about life and living from working with death and dying ❖ Anna Lyons

A beginner's guide to the end: practical advice for living life and facing death ❖ BJ Miller

Surviving the tsunami of grief: for the bereaved and those wanting to support them ❖ Katrina Tae

A safe journey home: the simple guide to achieving a peaceful death ❖ Felicity Warner

Staring at the sun: being at peace with your own mortality ❖ Irvin D Yalom

Adult fiction

The five people you meet in heaven ❖ Mitch Albom

Everyone in this room will someday be dead ❖ Emily Austin

The immortalists ❖ Chloe Benjamin

The brief history of the dead ❖ Kevin Brockmeier

Sunset ❖ Jessie Cave

The one hundred years of Lenni and Margot ❖ Marianne Cronin

Mend the living ❖ Maylis De Kerangal

White noise ❖ Don DeLillo

Space hopper ❖ Helen Fisher

The midnight library ❖ Matt Haig

In the springtime of the year ❖ Susan Hill

If cats disappeared from the world ❖ Genki Kawamura

This shining life ❖ Harriet Kline

The last goodbye ❖ Fiona Lucas

The phone box at the edge of the world ❖ Laura Imai Messina

Dear Edward ❖ Ann Napolitano

Hamnet ❖ Maggie O'Farrell

Grief is the thing with feathers ❖ Max Porter

One moment, one morning ❖ Sarah Rayner

Memento mori ❖ Muriel Spark

Nora Webster ❖ Colm Tóibín

The beginner's goodbye ❖ Anne Tyler



Younger Children

A stone for Sascha ❖ Aaron Becker

When dinosaurs die: a guide to understanding death ❖ Laurie Krasny Brown and Marc Brown

If all the world were... ❖ Joseph Coelho and Allison Colpoys

Grandad's island ❖ Benji Davies

Waiting for Wolf ❖ Sandra Dieckmann

The heart and the bottle ❖ Oliver Jeffers

Goodbye Mog ❖ Judith Kerr

Mum's jumper ❖ Jayde Perkin

The copper tree: helping a child cope with death and loss ❖ Hilary Robinson

Michael Rosen's sad book ❖ Michael Rosen

The memory tree ❖ Britta Teckentrup

Fox: a circle of life story ❖ Isabel Thomas and Daniel Egnéus

Badger's parting gifts ❖ Susan Varley

The pond ❖ Nicola Davies

I have a question about death: a book for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder or other special needs ❖ Arlen Grad Gaines and Meredith Englander Polsky

When someone dies (Questions & Feelings About) ❖ Dawn Hewitt

Let's talk about when someone dies ❖ Molly Potter

Older Children

King and the dragonflies ❖ Kacen Callender

The tiger rising ❖ Kate DiCamillo

Will my cat eat my eyeballs?: and other questions about dead bodies ❖ Caitlin Doughty

The 1,000-year-old boy ❖ Ross Welford

Charlotte's web ❖ EB White

The cat mummy ❖ Jacqueline Wilson and Nick Sharratt

Lob ❖ Linda Newbery

Young Adult

Love letters to the dead ❖ Ava Dellaira

The fault in our stars ❖ John Green

A monster calls ❖ Patrick Ness and Siobhan Dowd

Bridge to Terabithia ❖ Katherine Paterson

History is all you left me ❖ Adam Silvera

They both die at the end ❖ Adam Silvera



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