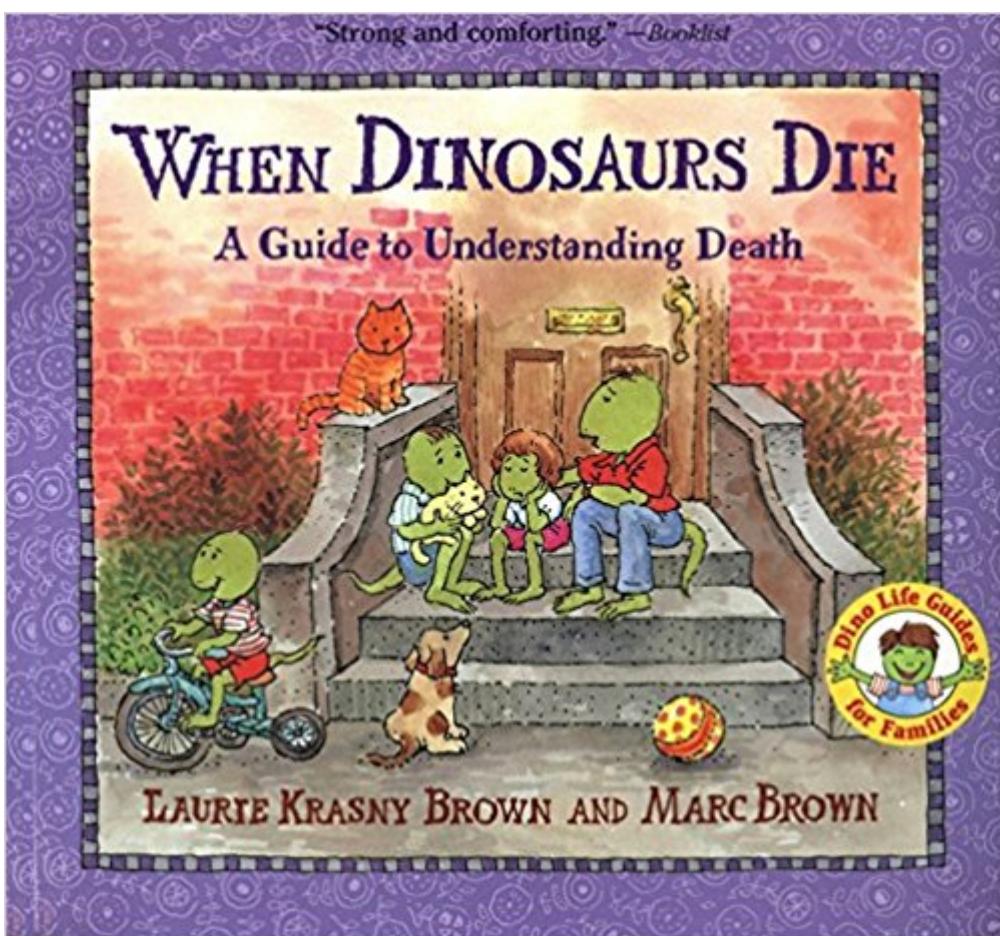


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# When Dinosaurs Die: A Guide To Understanding Death (Dino Life Guides For Families)



## **Synopsis**

Straightforward and compassionate, When Dinosaurs Die explains death, dying, and coping with grief and loss in simple and accessible language for young kids and families. No one can really understand death, but to children, the passing away of a loved one can be especially perplexing and troublesome. This is true whether the loss is a classmate, friend, family member, or pet. Here to offer advice and reassurance are the wise dinosaurs from Dinosaurs to the Rescue, Dinosaurs Divorce, Dinosaurs Travel, and Dinosaurs Alive and Well. This succinct and thorough guide helps dispel the mystery and negative connotations associated with death. This helpful book provides answers to kids' most-often asked questions and also explores the feelings we may have regarding the death of a loved one, and the ways to remember someone after he or she has died. Satisfying and comprehensive, this indispensable book is a comforting aid to help all children through a difficult time in their lives.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

PW gave a starred review to this "balanced, comprehensive and age-appropriate" explanation of death and its emotional aftermath, featuring the amiable cast from Dinosaurs Divorce. Ages 4-8. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Ages 5^8. Unlike many books on death for little ones, this one doesn't tell a story. Instead, it addresses children's fears and curiosity head-on, and in a largely secular fashion, by answering some very basic questions: "Why does someone die?" "What does dead mean?" "What comes after death?" Other questions deal with emotions, and there's a section about death customs (the weakest part of the book). The forthright approach makes the subject seem less mysterious and provides kids with plenty to think about and discuss with their parents. It's the brightly colored artwork, however, that will really enable children to relax with the concept. The pictures are filled with homey clutter and familiar detail, and the activities of the appealingly quirky characters (who resemble dinosaurs in only the broadest way) add a strong, comforting sense of what can only be called normalcy. Stephanie Zvirin

This was a little too in depth for my 4 year old. I ended up not reading it to him as not to scare him or open up any discussion that may be too much for him to handle. I did not like that it brought up suicide. We may return to it when he is older and able to grasp the concept of death more.

My father recently passed away and my almost 3 year old son has had a hard time understanding where Grandpa has gone. I was trying to find a book to help him understand. This book was recommended to me by my local hospice. I ordered the book and was pleased with it. It uses Dinosaurs as the characters which I think makes it less scary than people IMO. It covers all kinds of deaths such as old age, illness, suicide, infant/child death etc.. It also covers various different burial and funeral practices from different ethnicities and religions. Personally, I skipped the parts I deemed inappropriate for him at his age but like that it covers a broad spectrum so we can always resort back to this book in the future for other deaths. A great book written with the utmost sensitivity.

Really helpful to engage children around the concept of death and dying. I have used it many times in therapy.

We received this book today. It is a great way to help explain how different people grieve differently and how all the different stages are ok for kids to understand. The kids liked it they are aged 4 and 7. Thank you for your prompt and outstanding service. Free Two day shipping was nice also, from prime.

My son was recommended this book after his grandfathers death .he was 8yrs old at the time. I tell everybody about this book

I am a school counselor and I highly recommend this book when working with children to assist them in understanding death and lessening their anxiety and burden. this book is direct and to the point. It answers children's questions that they are too worried to ask themselves. I have had great success and it works for kids at pre-school level all the way to 6th grade. The writing isn't "babyish" and I like how the book gives many different cultures views on how they respond to the death of a loved one.

Need to explain a death that happened or is going to happen to a young child? This book helps you tell them at a level they easily understand. I personally have terminal cancer, and this prepared my young (2 & 4) for a tough time in the near future. I am amazed this resource is available. It does an excellent job of explaining and preparing kids from about 2 years old to maybe 12!

Great therapeutic book for kids about death. I use it in therapy with kids.

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