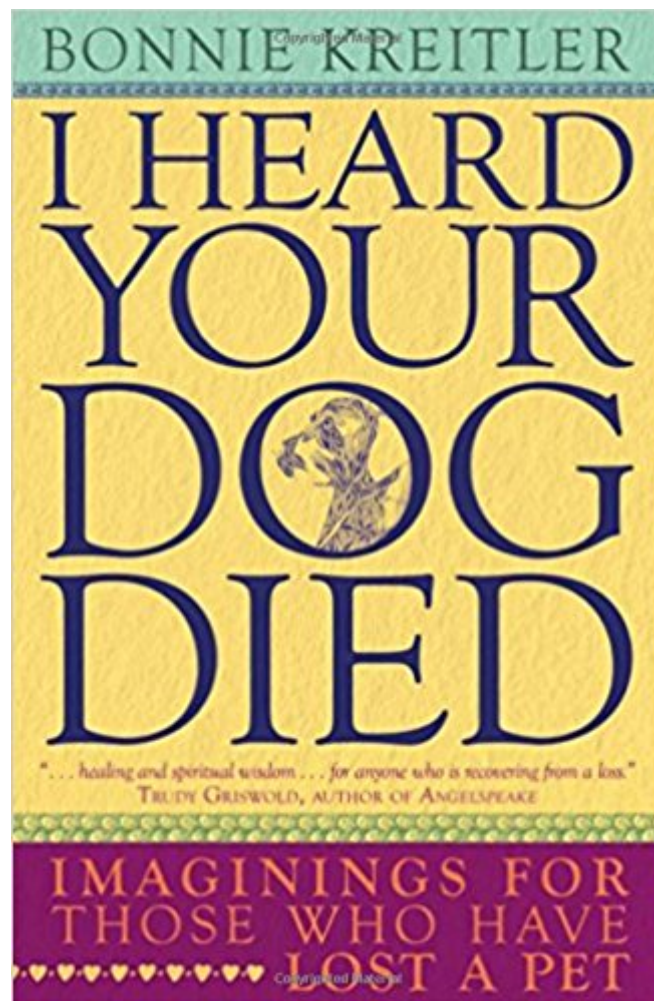




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# I Heard Your Dog Died: Imaginings For Those Who Have Lost A Pet



## Synopsis

SILVER MEDAL winner 2017 IBPA Benjamin Franklin Book Awards— for excellence in publishing--Body/Mind/Spirit category What do you say to a child whose dog, their best friend, is fatally injured by a car as the youngster watches? Confronted with this dilemma, a caring neighbor reaches into distant memories to recall a story of life and death imagined as a Big Play. Together the pair explores questions about why bad things happen, feelings of blame and guilt, ghost dogs and animal souls. As anger shifts to acceptance, the youngster learns how to let go of hurt, honor the old dog, and imagine a future with a new pet. But neither neighbor imagines the surprising end of this journey through grief. With magical zentangle-style dog illustrations by Carole Ohl, the story unfolds through dialogue alone. Author Bonnie Kreitler leaves the genders and descriptive details of the child and the adult to her readers' imaginations, inviting them to participate in creating the storyline in ways that reflect their own experiences of living, loving, and dying.

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"...a very valuable resource for all those who grieve deeply, which may very well be all of us."--Dory Dzinski, Licensed Professional Counselor, Trauma Debriefing  
Unique, original, insightful, compelling, extraordinary, "I Heard Your Dog Died: Imaginings for Those Who Have Lost a Pet" is a very special, thoughtful and thought-provoking read from beginning to end. Although a work of fiction, "I Heard Your Dog Died" has an undeniable resonance with real world experiences with children and their families who have loved pets. -- Mary Cowper, Midwest Book Review  
An inspiring and charming story filled with healing and spiritual wisdom. I highly recommend this helpful book for

anyone who is recovering from a loss. --Trudy Griswold, Author of Angelspeake"Grief for a beloved pet is just as significant as the loss of any dear friend... Here indeed is a great treasure to help you through the difficult days after the death of a close animal friend. --Dr. C. Norman Shealy, Holistic Pain and Depression SpecialistThere are bereavement storybooks for young children and...detailed books for grieving adults, but not many books for people between. The Imaginings in this book...fill the gap and soothe heartache in a way not previously written about. --Dr. Karen Shaw Becker, DVM

Family lore holds that Bonnie Kreidler's deep connection to animals began even before she started talking. When she learned to read and write, she began hand printing illustrated stories and has rarely been without pencil, pen or keyboard nearby since. She worked as a journalist and marketing consultant in the horse industry for over 25 years. Her book 50 Careers with Horses was a best seller in its niche. Learning to meditate led to studies of intuitive techniques and energy healing including animal communication and Reiki. She counts herself fortunate to enjoy a career that combines her love of animals with her writing skills. Bonnie is a member of the American Society of Journalists and Authors, the Author's Guild, the Independent Book Publishers Association, American Horse Publications and the New England Book Publishers Association. I Heard Your Dog Died is her first fiction work.

I read it in one sitting. I couldn't put it down. Bonnie has done a terrific job. Very readable and captivating.Great way to spend a good part of a Sunday which is, of course, a day of reflection..Lovely illustrations too. (I really enjoy good writing, and this was very good.) Walt Ciciora

Using imagination to gently lead a child through grief over the loss of her pet. a kindly neighbor shares her own experiences and insights.I loved this book! The illustrations are especially appropriate - imaginative Zentangle illustrations of dogs who touched the author's life. I highly recommend this book for both youth and adults. It allows you to grieve, but in a healthy way. I highly recommend this book for anyone who has ever lost a furbaby.

A Truly Beautiful, Wonderful Book. There are some heart aches in life, that neither time or space can take away. Having lost my special needs pug, who was larger than life, in every sense of the word, I was at a total loss to comfort my 3 year old great niece. She fell in love with our Frankie when she was 9 months old. He was paralyzed when we adopted him. She and he, crawled side by side, through life's adventures. The bond they developed was like none I have ever witnessed. They

had that special magic..."Those who do not believe in magic will never find it." Roald Dahl, intro to the book. This book brought me comfort and I will look back at it many times, as I am blessed to live in the magic of dogs. Buying this book for a dear friend, who just lost her beloved dog. It is not just a book for children. It is a book for all of us, as dogs evoke the magic of childhood in us all, if we allow it.

Bonnie's gifts in understanding animals are inspiring. Like the recent comments by the Pope that animal spirits do go to heaven, you can draw comfort from this book. As one of my dear pets was involved in writing the book, it is helpful to deal with the grief of pet loss.

Extremely well written and beautifully illustrated, this little book takes us on the journey of a wise neighbor and a grief stricken child who has very recently lost a beloved pet. With imagination and great sensitivity, the neighbor skillfully guides the child through the painful stages of grief that unfortunately, everyone will experience at least once in their lifetime. I plan to purchase several of these books to have on hand for when a friend needs a thoughtful and uplifting message.

I cried for every pet I ever lost. But it was a good cry. Brilliant story to help comfort yourself after you lose your best furry friends (dogs or cats or whatever).

Bonnie Krietler's inspirational masterpiece is a sensitive must-read for anyone of any age who has loved and lost a treasured dog. Jody Rosengarten The Bark Stops Here Dog Trainer Behaviorist & author of Imp, The Imperfect Pup: Lessons On Being Good Enough.

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