

Climb the Family Tree, Jesse Bear!*

By Nancy White Carlstrom
Picture Book Carlstrom

Jesse Bear experiences the excitement of a family reunion filled with grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins and lots of food, games, and storytelling.

Goodbye, Mousie*

By Robie H. Harris
Picture Book Harris

A boy grieves for his dead pet Mousie, helps to bury him, and begins to come to terms with his loss.

Spot Visits His Grandparents

By Eric Hill
Picture Book Hill

Spot the dog goes to spend the day with his grandparents.

Remember the Butterflies*

By Anna Grossnickle Hines
Picture Book Hines

When Grandpa dies, Holly and Glen remember the special times they had together, gardening, reading, and learning about butterflies.

The Hello Goodbye Window*

By Norton Juster
Picture Book Juster

A little girl loves going to her Nanna and Poppy's house because their kitchen window is a magical portal to a world of discovery and imagination, in a delightful story that celebrates childhood and the love of family.

Grandma and Me

By Karen Katz
Board Book Katz

Everyone is excited when Grandma comes for a visit, in a special tribute to grandmothers and their bond with their grandchildren.

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The Forever Dog*

By Mike Cochran
Picture Book Cochran

Mike and his dog Corky plan to be best friends forever, so when Corky becomes sick and dies, Mike is angry about the broken promise.

Always and Forever

By Alan Durant
Picture Book Durant

A family of forest animals learns to cope with the death of a loved one.

A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever*

By Marla Frazee
Picture Book Frazee

Friends James and Eamon enjoy a wonderful week at the home of Eamon's grandparents during summer vacation.

There's Only One of Me!*

By Pat Hutchins
Picture Book Hutchins

A young girl describes her relationship to the various members of her family, including her stepfamily, as they all gather to celebrate her birthday.

Blackberry Stew

By Isabell Monk
Picture Book Monk

When her Grandpa Jack dies, Hope remembers the time she went with him to pick blackberries, and she realizes that he will continue to live in her and in her memories.

When Lightning Comes in a Jar*

By Patricia Polacco
Picture Book Polacco

A young girl describes the family reunion at her grandmother's house, from the food and baseball and photos to the flickering fire-flies on the lawn.

High on the Hog*

By Kimberly Olson Fakh
J Fiction Fakh

When Trapp's family plans to move from Iowa to New York City, she stays behind on her great-grandparents' farm for the summer and discovers some family secrets that make it easier for her to leave the life she has always known. A story of family ties and emotions.

Remembering Mrs. Rossi*

By Amy Hest
J Fiction Hest

Although she loves her father, their home in New York City, and third-grade teacher Miss Meadows, Annie misses her mother who died recently.

Sun and Spoon

By Kevin Henkes
J Fiction Henkes

After the death of his grandmother, ten-year-old Spoon observes the changes in his grandfather and tries to find the perfect artifact to preserve his memories of her.

Bird Lake Moon*

By Kevin Henkes
J Fiction Henkes

Twelve-year-old Mitch and his mother are spending the summer with his grandparents at Bird Lake after his parents separate, and ten-year-old Spencer and his family have returned to the lake where Spencer's little brother drowned long ago, and as the boys become friends and spend time together, each of them begins to heal.

Flip-Flop Girl

By Katherine Paterson
J Fiction Paterson

Uprooted following the death of their father, nine-year-old Vinnie and her five-year-old brother, Mason, cope in different ways—one in silence—but both with the help of Lupe, the flip-flop girl.

Hummingbird*

By Kimberly Greene Angle
J Fiction Angle

In spite of a busy life on the family pumpkin and watermelon farm in Jubilee, Georgia, twelve-year-old March Anne Tanner feels that something is missing, and when Grenna, the grandmother who has helped raise her since her mother died when she was three, also passes on, March Anne finds that she must act on her feelings of loss.

Ruby Holler

By Sharon Creech
J Fiction Creech and Playway J Fiction

Thirteen-year-old fraternal twins Dallas and Florida have grown up in a terrible orphanage but their lives change forever when an eccentric but sweet older couple invites them each on an adventure, beginning in an almost magical place called Ruby Holler.

Borrowed Children

By George Ella Lyon
J Fiction Lyon

Having forced to act as mother and housekeeper during Mama's illness, twelve-year-old Amanda has a holiday in Memphis to visit her grandmother, far removed from the Depression drudgery of her Kentucky mountain family. A story of family history and bonds, and a girl who comes to understand her family and how much she loves each member.

After the Rain

By Norma Fox Mazer J Paperback Mazer

After discovering her grandfather is dying, fifteen-year-old Rachel gets to know him better than ever before and finds the experience bittersweet.

A Year Down Yonder

By Richard Peck
Young Teen Peck

During the recession of 1937, fifteen-year-old Mary Alice is sent to live with her feisty, larger-than-life grandmother in rural Illinois and comes to a better understanding of this fearsome woman.