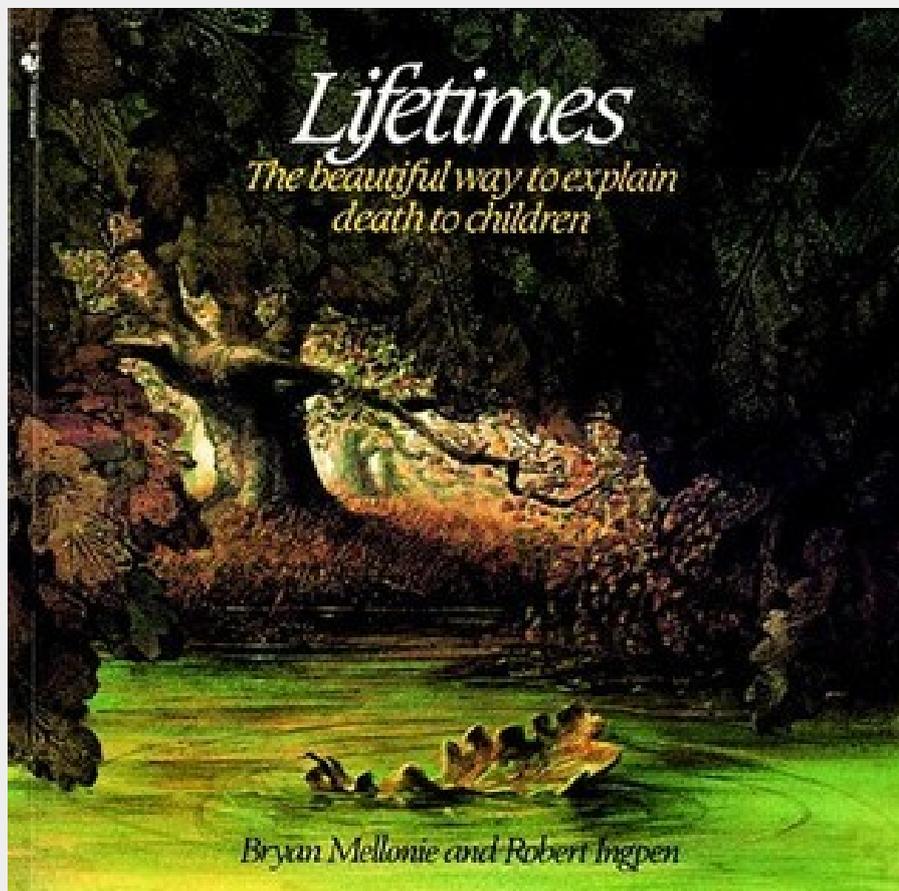


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A Pet A Friend Or A Relative Dies, And It Must Be Explained To A Child This Sensitive Book Is A Useful Tool In Explaining To Children That Death Is A Part Of Life And That, Eventually, All Living Things Reach The End Of Their Own Special Lifetimes



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10 thoughts on “Lifetimes - A Beautiful Way to Explain Life and Death to Children”



Jeremy Hornik **Jeremy Hornik** says:

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A wonderful and important book In a simple and matter of fact way, Lifetimes explains death in a way that children can understand It is not particularly comforting Its straightforward prose can even be unnerving but it s not the book, it s the topic.My daughter Donna was diagnosed with a brain tumor at 20 months After two years of treatment, we decided to stop The treatments were too damaging to her, and each one ended in another relapse She lived on in wonderful shape went to pre school for the first time, watched her new baby brother grow, went to dance classes and read many, many books One of these books was Lifetimes We read this a few times, and then, she started to ask some questions about it Finally she asked about herself, and we talked about what was happening with her Because of this book, we could talk about death with her At the end, she knew she was dying and she was not afraid She was in hospice this whole time After three months, the tumor limited what she could do and she felt sicker, needing pain medication Shortly after that, she spoke her last words She spent a week in bed between her mother and me, sleeping, and then in the middle of the night, she died This was a painful week but a peaceful one because we d had the chance to talk about death.So I can t recommend this book enough Hopefully your experience

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of Lifetimes will not be like mine But we are all going to die, every one of us, and this book can help to understand that without fairy tales or hysteria.

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Kris Kris says:

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Matter of fact, yet gentle This is an honest and realistic explanation that everything that lives, dies It is straightforward without forgetting its audience I also appreciated that this was an entirely secular take on death, focusing only on death and not the questions about what, if anything, happens afterward.

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Katie Alexander Katie Alexander says:

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I used this book this week in my Kindergarten classroom to help them understand the loss of their classmate It s a beautiful book for kids and adults alike It really helped me explain when words failed.

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Jean O& Jean O& says:

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Solstice Wood

Uprooted

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The concept of death is not generally discussed until there is an event and questions that follow. Once children have moved beyond self to include the awareness of another, they will benefit from the gentle scaffolding of the concept. Whether a ladybug, a ponderosa pine or family member, this book reveals through uncomplicated text and subdued illustrations that each living thing has its own special lifetime. *Lifetimes* provides the candid language for a time when words may be difficult to manage.

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Margret Margret says:

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A really beautiful book and soothing way to explain death to a young toddler aged child. Highly recommend for the death of a pet or loved one, it's a difficult topic but this book has definitely helped.

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Yan Yan says:

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When my wife died, this was one of the books that were recommended to me by the social services so I'll be able to explain her death easily to our kids. It helped tremendously, it's written in a beautiful manner.

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Vicki_Loves_Libraries

Vicki_Loves_Libraries says:

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A cancer widow of 2 years with kids just a few years older than mine recommended the book Lifetimes The Beautiful way to explain death to children by Bryan Mellonie and Robert Ingpen. This uncluttered book explains death in a matter of fact tone This book of few words contains lovely illustrations of dead and living wild animals This book does not touch on religion Within its pages, I found no statements that could be offensive to anyone, regardless of their personal beliefs This book is a good way to explain why living things die to children in a simple manner The notion that every living thing dies at the end of its lifetime is repeated often I read it to my boys I think that they understood the book I had a hard time keeping their attention through the entire book, but we might have made it to the end if we had read a condensed version of this book. The authors explanation of death includes There is a beginning and an ending for everything that is alive In between is living All around us, everywhere, beginnings and endings are going on all the time This is true for all living things For plants For people For birds For fish For Trees For animals Even for the tiniest insect Nothing that is alive goes on living forever How long it lives depends upon what it is and what happens while it is living Sometimes, living things become ill or they get hurt Mostly, of course, they get better again, but there are times when they are so badly hurt or they are so ill that they die because they can no longer stay alive This can happen when they are young, or old, or anywhere in between It may be sad, but it is the way of all things, and it is true for everything that is alive There are lots of living things in our world Each one has

its own special lifetime It goes on to list the typical lifetimes of various plants and animals I was surprised to learn that butterflies only live for a few weeks I also learned that large birds can live up to fifty years The life span of a fish varies from one day to eighty years. The book s authors conclude with So, no matter how long they are, or how short, lifetimes are really all the same They have beginnings, and endings, and there is living in between Thank you, Bryan Mellonie and Robert Ingpen, for making it easier to comfort children with a gentle perspective about death.

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Sarah Sarah says:

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A beautiful children s book about the cycle of life for all living things animals, plants, humans, bugs The words and illustrations peacefully showed how birth, living, and death are the natural process of life This book didn t focus on sadness or fear, rather it focused on how normal this process is and how every living thing will experience death at some point Although death can be a sensitive and sometimes difficult subject to address, this book was very comforting My 6 year old daughter and I really enjoyed reading this together.

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Mary Mary says:

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The book is full of beautiful illustrations and text like this

Butterflies live as butterflies for only a few weeks. Once they have dried their wings, they flutter and flit from leaf to flower. At first, they are bright and quick, but as time passes they begin to slow down, until finally they can go no further. They rest for a while, and then they die. That is the way butterflies live, and that is their lifetime. Birds grow up quite quickly too. It is often no more than a few months from the time they hatch until they are strong enough to fly and feed themselves. How long they live after that seems to depend on their size. Mostly, the bigger they are, the longer they will be alive. But however long, it is their lifetime for each one. The message, communicated as much through the graceful illustrations as through the words, is that the brevity of these creatures' lives does not make them less beautiful or wonderful. Our lives are mostly longer than those of butterflies, shorter than those of trees, but no matter how long we live, we are also beautiful and fragile creatures. Each with our own story and each a part of a larger story, the story of generations of humanity and the vast diversity of life.

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