**Some books about loss, endings and bereavement B**ox 22

**Wish you were here** Zolotov Charlotte BBC Longman

Janey and My Grandson Lew, two stories of love, and loss, and remembering

**Amos and Boris** Steig William Picture Puffin

The most evocative story of loss and ending I have ever seen. A whale and a mouse become close friends in difficult circumstances. The description of their sadness and loss at the inevitable parting will mirror many children’s feelings at such times. Sadly it is currently out of print, but you may be able to order it through the library or internet.

**Ernest and Celestine** Vincent Gabrielle Picture Lion

Celestine’s beloved soft toy Gideon is lost, causing sleepless nights and grief. Her father Ernest tries to make a substitute.

**Dogger** Hughes Shirley Picture Lions

The story of the loss and finding of a much beloved soft toy.

**Badger’s Parting Gifts** Varley Susan Random Century/ and Picture Lions

Much loved friend Badger reaches the end of his life. All the animals are very sad. Remembering his special gifts to each one helps to ease the sad feelings.

**I’ll always love you** Wilhelm Hans Picture Knight

The story of the love of a little boy for his dog, and the sadness of the dog’s growing old, and death being eased by the boy remembering that he always told his dog every night, “I’ll always love you.”

**The Patchwork Quilt** Flournoy Valerie Picture Puffins

A grandmother shares with a little girl the memories evoked by the patches on a much-loved patchwork quilt.

**Granpa** Burningham John Picture Puffin

The sensitive story of the death of ‘Granpa’

**Pete and Roland** Graham Bob Picture Lions A story of friendship and loss

**Annie Banannie**  Komaiko L/Cornell L. Laura Geringer Books

A story of friendship, loss and endings

**Waterbugs and Dragonflies** Stickney Doris Continuum London

A delightfully simple way of thinking about death with children through the change waterbugs experience when they leave their underwater world and mysteriously become transformed into beautiful dragonflies in a whole new world of air and lightness, which the little waterbugs in their water world just can’t appreciate!

**The Frog who Longed for the Moon to Smile** Sunderland Margot Speechmark Publishing Ltd

Frog was totally preoccupied with his yearning for the moon’s smile. He was closed to everything else. Slowly his friends managed to help him face reality and open to other joys and friendship.

**The Day the Sea Went Out and Never Came Back** Sunderland Margot Speechmark Publishing

Eric the sand dragon is distraught when his beloved sea suddenly disappears forever.

He goes ‘down and down’, wasting away with yearning and pain. He just can’t think of anything else. A friendly understanding dog brings him a drink which he spills – and miraculously a flower grows. So begins the slow transformation into memory, and having something precious to give.