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**Bereavement**

A selection of books from the four Trust libraries

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**Awareness of Dying**
Barney G Glaser, Anslem L Strauss

Should patients be told they are dying? How do families react when one of their members is facing death? Who should reveal that death is imminent? How does hospital staff--doctors, nurses, and attendants--act toward the dying patient and his family? *Awareness of Dying* was the first study of dying in hospitals, and has proven a useful handbook for chaplains, social workers, nurses, and doctors in confronting the many ethical and personal problems that arise in the dying situation.

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**Communicating with Children when a Parent is at the End of Life**
Rachel Fearnley

This book demonstrates how to support children through communication, language, information sharing. Developing confidence and skills such as talking, listening, giving children a voice and breaking bad news is also covered. The author outlines the concept of a 'communication continuum' which can be used to assess how much a child knows or understands about their parent’s illness and how much they would like to know.

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**Gift of Tears**
Susan Lendrum

The fifth *Gift of Tears* is designed to help people who find that they have to cope, in the course of their work or daily lives, with the grief of others. The authors use theory, accessible case histories and exercises to involve the reader.

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**Living with Loss: A Guide for the Recently Widowed**
Liz McNeill Taylor

This is a survival handbook for the widowed, showing how, over time, the healing process can be assisted, and how you can get the most from friends, organizations and resources to start living a full life again.
Working with Loss and Grief: A Theoretical and Practical Approach Linda Machin
This updated edition provides a model for practitioners working with those who are grieving a significant life loss. Making clear connections between theory and practice, the 'Range of Response to Loss' model provides a theoretical 'compass' for recognising the wide variability in reaction to loss and the 'Adult Attitude to Grief' scale is a tool for 'mapping' individual grief and its change over time, providing an individual grief profile.

Storymaking in Bereavement: Dragons Fight in the Meadow Alida Gersie
This book is written for professionals in the health and social services who facilitate bereavement groups. It contains reflections on the process of grief. These are followed by 12 folk tales. The ancient stories vividly convey mankind's struggle with death and loss. They also describe our engagement with despair, hope, bitterness and love. Each story is accompanied by three suggested structures for groupwork around the themes of death, loss and mourning.

Grief Works: Stories of Life, Death and Surviving Julia Samuel
A grief psychotherapist, has spent twenty-five years working with the bereaved and understanding the full repercussions of loss. This deeply affecting book is full of psychological insights on how grief, if approached correctly, can heal us. Through elegant, moving stories, we learn how we can stop feeling awkward and uncertain about death, and not shy away from talking honestly with family and friends.

Death and Bereavement Across Cultures Colin Murray Parkes, Pittu Laungani, Bill Young
A handbook which meets the needs of doctors, nurses, social workers, hospital chaplains, counsellors and volunteers caring for patients with life-threatening illness and their families before and after bereavement. It is a practical guide explaining the religious and other differences commonly met with in multi-cultural societies when someone is dying or bereaved. In doing so readers may be surprised to find how much we can learn from other cultures about our own attitudes and assumptions about death.
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<td>Mary Jordan, Judy Carole Kauffmann</td>
<td>The authors address not only the emotional and spiritual aspects of bereavement, but also important and practical considerations such as wills and other paperwork, disposing of personal possessions, making arrangements for funerals and memorial services, coping with the anniversaries of a death and resolving family conflict. Drawing on real examples, they offer compassionate, realistic advice on guilt and other negative emotions, as well as guidance on how and when to break the news of a death to others, including children, people with learning disabilities and people with dementia.</td>
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<td>Growing Through Loss and Grief</td>
<td>Althea Pearson</td>
<td>The author’s premise is that all of life involves loss, and reactions to loss, whether great or minor, follow a common pattern. The universality of such reactions and responses to loss thus enables counsellors to gain valuable insight into major traumas such as redundancy, marriage breakdown, ill health, abuse, and bereavement. The book guides us through the psychological and spiritual issues associated with loss, and in particular explores how the experience of loss can bring some measure of gain.</td>
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<td>Bereavement: Studies of Grief in Adult Life</td>
<td>Colin Murray</td>
<td>The loss of a loved one is one of the most painful experiences that most of us will ever have to face in our lives. This book recognises that there is no single solution to the problems of bereavement but that an understanding of grief can help the bereaved to realise that they are not alone in their experience.</td>
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<td>Understanding grief</td>
<td>Richard Gross</td>
<td>A comprehensive and accessible introduction to all the major models of grief. In addition to the individual perspective, bereavement is discussed in relation to social, cultural and religious factors and influences. The book examines the impact of different types of bereavement, such as the death of a child, parent, spouse/partner, and sibling, and discusses the impact of traumatic death in relation to complicated grief.</td>
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On the Death of a Child
Celia Hindmarch

A guidebook for all professionals who work with bereaved families. Covers: characteristics of child death, grief and mourning, professional roles, general guidelines, stressful situations, talking with children, support for families, support for schools, and support services. This edition provides updated information and developments in support services and incorporates recent research on bereavement. It also gives more prominence to the needs of grieving children and youngsters.

Death and Bereavement: The Psychological, Religious and Cultural Interfaces
Dewi Rees

This is a comprehensive account of the psychology of death and bereavement, within the contexts of world religions and their associated mourning and funeral customs. There are chapters, including dealing with the scientific assessment of death: another looks at the psychological insights provided by Shakespeare, whilst a third deals with the beliefs and customs of minority groups – the Bahais, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Mormons, Quakers, Spiritualists and Seventh–day Adventists.

At a Loss: Bereavement Care When a Baby Dies
Alison Stewart

A comprehensive, research-based yet practical "direct" book which covers all types of bereavement concerning families - ie infertility; T.O.P; miscarriage; premature and full-term stillbirths; pre-term and neonatal death; SIDS ("cot death"); adoption; and death in small children.

The Anatomy of Bereavement: A Handbook for the Caring Professions
Beverley Raphael

Bereavement is a painful and inevitable experience. This study shares the experience of many bereavements, how they are dealt with, understood, and eventually adapted to in the ongoing framework of human life.
The Therapeutic Use of Stories
Kadar Nath Dwivedi

The potential for healing available in well-known myths and stories is increasingly recognized, but many practitioners are unsure how to tap into this rich and often culturally-specific source of insight. What sort of story is best for what sort of situation? How can it be introduced naturally into the session? What is the best way of using the story? These are some of the questions contributors to this book set out to answer. They explore the historical and cultural context of storytelling and provide examples of specific stories for specific situations.

An Introduction to Coping with Grief
Sue Morris

Grief is a natural reaction to loss but in some cases it can be devastating, preventing you from moving on in your life and affecting your relationships and work. This fully updated self-help guide offers an examination and explanation of the grieving process and outlines clinically-proven strategies, based on cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT), to help you adjust to life without a loved one.

Coping with Loss: Helping Patients and Their Families
Colin Murray Parkes

A guide to helping people cope with loss, including less obvious types of loss and highlighting the psychological problems caused by disease and giving guidance on communication skills, the grieving process and the role of the family doctor.

A Special Scar: The Experience of People Bereaved by Suicide
Alison Wertheimer

A Special Scar looks in detail at the stigma surrounding suicide and offers practical help for survivors, relatives and friends of people who have taken their own life. Fifty bereaved people tell their own stories, showing us that, by not hiding the truth from themselves and others, they have been able to learn to live with the suicide, offering hope to others facing this traumatic loss.
Perspectives on Loss and Trauma: Assaults on the Self
John Harvey

Taking a broad perspective, the book reviews theory and research on loss and trauma as a result of the death of close friends and family, divorce, unemployment, homelessness, war and violence and genocide and discusses relevant therapy approaches for coping with major loss.

Grief in Young Children: A Handbook for Adults
Atle Dyregrov

This text will be of help to all who care for pre-school children - parents, kindergarten teachers, ministers of religion, police, welfare workers etc. It is a common misconception that pre-school children are not capable of experiencing grief in the same way that older children do.

Good Grief: Exploring Feelings, Loss and Death with Over Elevens and Adults
Barbara Ward

With 20 educators contributing ideas piloted with children of different abilities and backgrounds in their care, this text has been designed to explore and demystify the experience of loss - in different contexts - within the framework of the National Curriculum. Complete with a revised section on the effects on children, it is activity-based, facilitating the use of children's own experiences thereby encouraging improvisation and extension.

Grief Counselling and Grief Therapy: A Handbook for the Mental Health Practitioner
William Worden

This highly anticipated fourth edition builds on the success of the previous editions which received worldwide acclaim for their sensitive, insightful, and practical approach to grief counselling. A classic text to help mental health practitioners treat the problems associated with grief. It has been expanded and updated to include new counselling techniques and areas of treatment - AIDS, the elderly and counselling in groups.
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<td>Noelle Blackman</td>
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<td>Relating to the Relatives: Breaking Bad News, Communication and Support</td>
<td>Thurstan Brewin, Margaret Sparshott</td>
<td>This is intended for all those who not only have to give bad news but are also keen to give as much help and support as possible to partners and families – both immediately and during remission.  It is of use in a hospital environment and in primary care and readers including doctors nurses social workers and spiritual advisers will value it both when they are in training and perhaps especially in the years after qualification.</td>
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<td>On Grief and Grieving: Finding the Meaning of Grief through the Five Stages of Loss</td>
<td>Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, David Kessler</td>
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