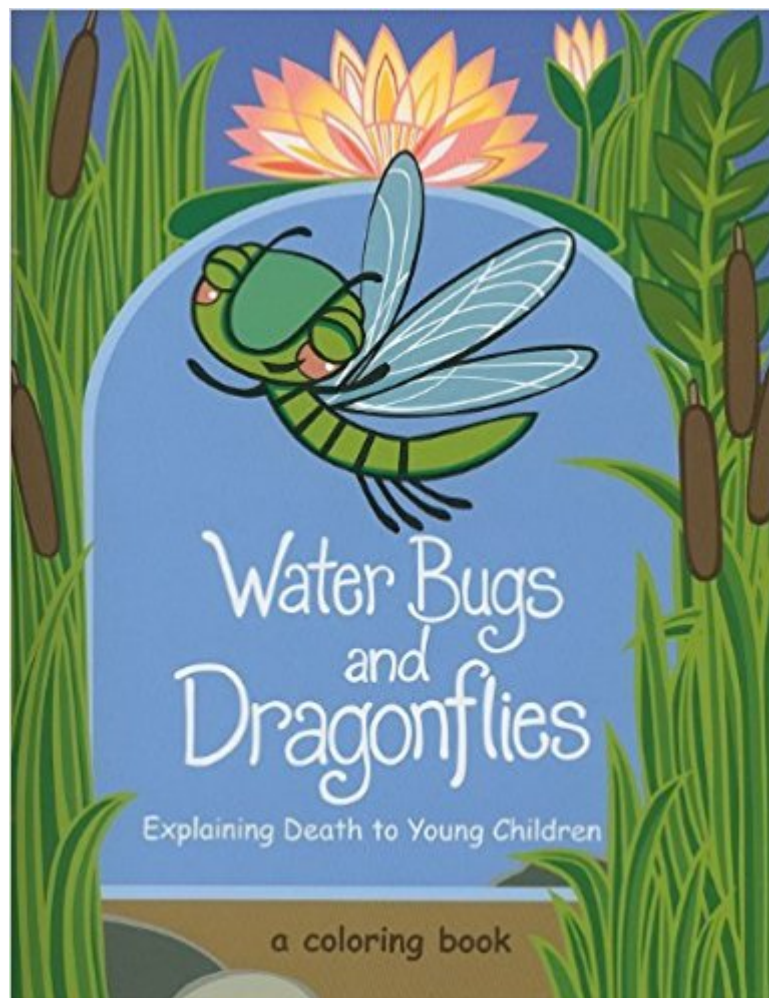




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# Water Bugs And Dragonflies: Explaining Death To Young Children, A Coloring Book



## Synopsis

The Pilgrim Press introduces its perennial bestseller "Water Bugs and Dragonflies: Explaining Death to Young Children" by Doris Stickney in coloring book format.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Title mention in the Nursery Education, 2007 --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

This really is a great way to explain things in a nice and delicate way to young children. We recently lost a few loved ones in our family, and this book was used on my kids, as well as nieces and nephews. I highly recommend should you ever be in a position of explaining life and death transitions to younger children.

My 43 yo husband died suddenly and unexpectedly in March. While it has been hard enough for me to come to terms with this sad and confusing situation, it has been made even harder having to explain death, dying, heaven, why?, etc. to my 7 and 6 yo girls. A healthcare grief professional recommended this book, and as she was explaining it to me, I began to feel relieved and comforted. As an adult, I felt the book carries a beautiful, simple message about what happens when someone dies. An explanation without details, which is truly what we have in life. My children liked the story as well, although at their age, the concept of a metaphor is a little lost. They "get it" and yet they

wanted me to confirm "but Daddy isn't a dragonfly, right?" I would still recommend it because it gives a parent or anyone dealing with a loss a basis for explaining what happens after death and can be used as a tool for further explanation tailored to your beliefs. The person who recommended it to me went on to declare that in her view, the dragonflies can still see and be a part of our experiences, just in a different way, above the water, so to speak. I've read other grief books directed toward children but this is my favorite because of its simple, gentle message.

got this for a friend whose young children have just encountered death of a relative. She had rave reviews about the book and its helpful message.

I like to give this book to friends and family to enjoy and share with their children. It is truly a helpful book for difficult times due to loss of family member, friend or pet. I highly recommend this helpful short story.

When this little book arrived I thought it was not going to work. I read it right away, and I was so surprised by the story, I was crying. This is a beautiful way to talk about death. The story of the water bug and the dragonflies is a touching and graceful way of explaining that someone might not be right in front of us the way we remember, but they are still around us in a different way. I bought this book on reviews alone, I am so glad I did.

This is a short story with a big impact. I was looking for a way to start to explain the concept of death/heaven to my 3 year old, but I didn't want anything that got into too much detail to overwhelm her. This is a sweet story that relates the journey of a water bug with the journey a loved one takes when they die. There is no mention of dying/heaven - it is all abstract. Although it is written in a simplistic style, it is not only for children. We just lost my beloved grandfather - when I read this, it made me tear up and brought me a nice feeling of peace. I will pull it out from time to time and also share with others. I am glad I found it.

Not really what I was expecting.

An excellent tool in explaining human death to children. For those of all ages who have lost a dog, I recommend the book, Dog Heaven.

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