Children’s books to help with death, dying and illness

Below is a list of Australian books that may be helpful to assist children under 12 to better understand death and loss, or illness (particularly cancer).

- Roses Are Blue by Sally Murphy
- My Mum’s Got Cancer by Dr Lucy Blunt
- Molly’s Memory Jar by Norma Spaulding
- The Important Things by Peter Carnavas
- The Balloon Cloud by Clare Hanlon
- My Mum Has Breast Cancer by Lisa Sowards
- What’s Dead Mean (activity book) by Doris Zagdanski
- What About Me? By George Vlamakis

Some other helpful titles available from overseas authors

- A Sky of Diamonds by Camille Gibbs
- I Wish I Could Hold Your Hand by Dr Pat Palmer
- Wherever You Are, My Love Will Find You by Nancy Tillman
- The Very Best of Friends by Margaret Wild
- The Memory Tree by Britta Teckentrup
- The Scar by Charlotte Moundlic

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