



Suggested Reading, Ages 6-12

A Dog Like Jack by Anne DiSalvo-Ryan

Mike is a young boy when his family adopts Jack, an eight year old dog, from an animal shelter. He grows up with Jack and together they have many wonderful times. As Jack grows older, he slows down, but he still enjoys life with his family.

For Every Dog an Angel by Christine Davis

If you are welcoming a new puppy into your home, celebrating the forever dog in your life, or saying goodbye to a beloved companion, this book is the perfect way to remember that timeless connection to your special friend. If you know someone who is dealing with the loss of a pet, this book has proven to be a great comfort for young and old.

Jim's Dog Muffins by Miriam Cohen

When Jim's dog is struck and killed by a truck, his classmates attempt to comfort him. A story about a young boy who receives support and friendship from those around him.

Murphy and Kate by Ellen Howard

Kate and her dog, Murphy, grew up side by side, the best of companions. But then Murphy died and Kate wonders "How can I ever feel happy again?" Kate recovers with a simple realization "It wasn't forgetting Murphy that made her feel happy. It was remembering him."

The Tenth Good Thing About Barney by Judith Viorst

A sensitive and straightforward story of how a family handles the death of a beloved cat, Barney.

Jasper's Day by Marjorie Blain Parker

Today, Riley's family is celebrating Jasper's Day. Everything they do will be in honor of Jasper - sort of like a birthday. But it isn't Jasper's birthday. Jasper's cancer has gotten really bad. Riley knows that they can't let him suffer any longer, but letting go will be the hardest thing ever.