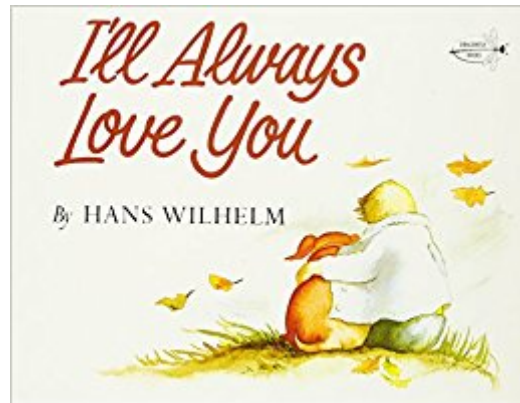




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# I'll Always Love You



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PreSchool-Grade 2 In this gentle, moving story, Elfie, a dachshund, and her special boy progress happily through life together. When she is young, Elfie is full of pep and pranks; but as her master grows taller and taller, Elfie grows fatter and slower. One morning Elfie does not wake up. The family grieves and buries her, and the boy refuses a new puppy. He is not yet ready for another pet; but when he is, he will tell that one, as he told Elsie every night, "I'll always love you." The watercolor illustrations, tender and warm in color and mood and cozily rounded in form, suit the simple text perfectly. Elsie's gradual change from a lively mischief-maker to a portly old dog is treated with a sweet humor. Viorst's *The Tenth Good Thing About Barney* (Atheneum, 1971) and Cohen's *Jim's Dog Muffins* (Greenwillow, 1984) also treat the loss of a beloved pet with great understanding, but anyone who has or ever had an old dog in the family will be especially touched by this book. Pat Pearl, First Presbyterian Church Library, Martinsville, Va. Copyright 2002 Reed

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Bought to read to my 11 year old daughter who's special needs (she has Rett Syndrome) after losing her best friend, her brother (4), in July from cancer. She's non verbal but cries when we read it, but it's helped a lot with trying to explain a loss to her.

I love this book. The illustrations were wonderful and the book was short and concise enough so my special needs son could follow along. Also made me cry like crazy. Great recommend.

This book was the perfect introduction for our two year old grandson when we lost our dear old family horse this winter. She was the horse that he began riding the summer before and of course he wondered where she was when we did chores. I explained about death and heaven and our good memories of our "Sandy" on a bale of hay one chore time, then when we went inside for nap time, we read this book. He had lots of questions for me and for this book, but it was a good way to approach this event and the topic of death with a little child. All of our animal family members are quite aged, so this was a good introduction to a somewhat sad and confusing topic.

I was hoping for some story on how he passed away or how he will always be with us or something sweet and memorable. This was not what I expected. It was "okay in the night he died. I'm sad. Buried him. Cute puppies, I won't get a new puppy though"....not what I was looking for so I returned it.

This is the most wonderful book for anyone who has lost a beloved dog. I had a weiner baby who looked like Elfie. Good book for helping children understand death, sadly enough.

We bought this as a gift from our elderly dog to our 4-year old. It arrived the day we ultimately had to put our dear dog to sleep, and read it with my daughter and dog together in our last hour together. It completely explains the death of an older dog at a level that a young child can understand. It also

was one of the few books I found that dealt with death for a child in such a straightforward manner, and without discussion of an afterlife, which was important to us.

This is a childhood book for me. I will read it to my children someday. Incredible message to teach, but also it leaves an impact that you never forget.

Awesome explanation for a young child to understand death. It doesn't dismiss a child's feelings towards death, but rather acknowledges that it is normal to feel concern toward a loved one when noticing them closer to death, as well, the main character is sad when his dog dies, which is perfectly normal and more than acceptable. Instead of the child getting a new pet right away, he wanted to grieve his dog and make sure whatever is next pet be, he will cherish it always.

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