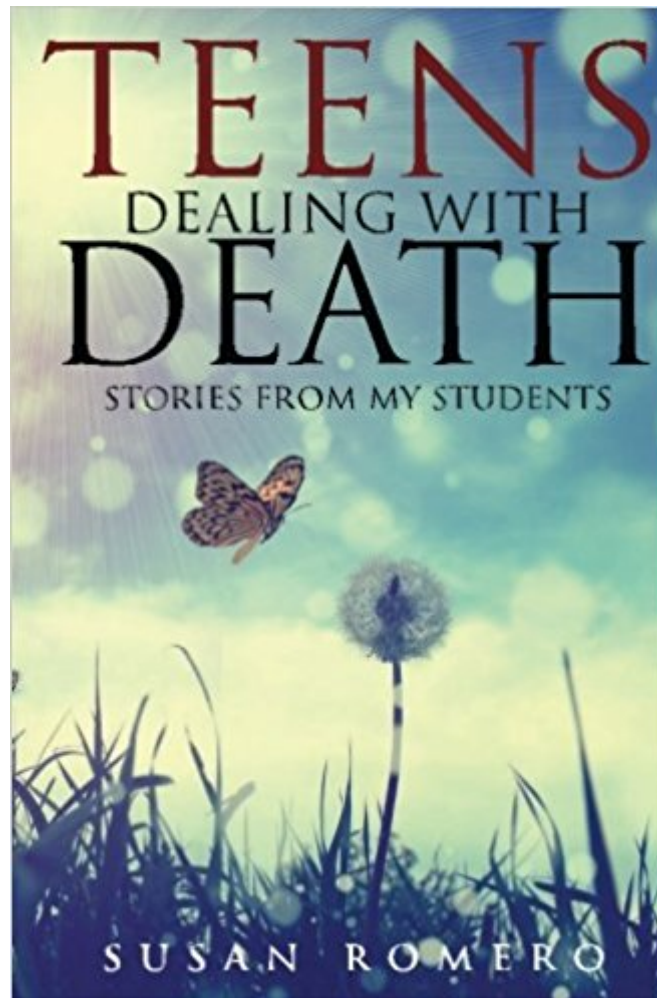




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Teens Dealing With Death: Stories From My Students



Synopsis

The background: In one school year, fifteen of my 8th grade students had lost a loved one to death, mostly parents. That alarming number was unprecedented. This book is an up-close look at loss from the TEENS that have lived it, in their own words. We have a difficult time with grieving in our culture. There is a push to return to "happy" as soon as possible. However, if grief doesn't have an appropriate outlet, feeling of aloneness and isolation can intensify. This is especially true for teens, who are too young for the harsh realities of life and unsure how to proceed when faced with them. Teens Dealing With Death can help. Teens Dealing With Death is written by young people for young people. Their brave voices in this book and their teacher Susan Romero have taken a courageous step in sharing their eye-opening stories of death. These young people talk openly about the loss of their loved one to illness, substance abuse, murder, suicide, accidents and war. They discover that despite their separate circumstances, they are not alone in their pain. They have taken the first step in healing: sharing their thoughts and feelings with us. They didn't sugar coat their stories, but rather laid out the bare truth. In doing so, we come to a better understanding of their experiences, confusion, loneliness, mixed emotions, and above all, their amazing resilience. Teens Dealing With Death—Stories from My Students is perfect for a teen that will soon lose a loved one or one that is currently grieving, as well as parents that would like to help.

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Customer Reviews

Susan Romero is an award-winning teacher with over two decades of middle school experience. She studied at San Diego State University in the School of Education and earned a Master's Degree in Educational Administration at Cal Lutheran University. Passionate

about counseling, she mentors children and teens through life's trials and tribulations focusing on increasing self-esteem and creating self-love. She has an innate ability to help young people cope with and heal from loss. Her second book, *What I Couldn't Teach You in the Classroom*, is coming in 2015. She resides in Central California with her daughter Jordan and two beloved canines Lacy Marie and Mandy Marie.

After losing my only brother to brain cancer 13 months ago, I found this book and clung to every word. These students are amazing. Ms. Romero has guided these young teens skillfully into sharing their amazing stories. Each experience is different and all will tug at your heart. Most importantly, through the perseverance of these students and guidance of those around them through their darkest hours, you'll find yourself cheering for all of them. Healing can happen for both young and old.

This book is a true testament to the author's love for her students. These kids are heroes and have given other teens hope and inspiration by sharing their stories. I loved reading each of their journeys!

I lost my father when I was 20 years old. Reading this book over 30 years later healed old wounds. I highly recommend this book for parents and children dealing with loss in their lives.

Susan Romero you are a great teacher. Thank you for all you have done for my nephew and all the other children you have helped.

What a timely, wonderfully written book! An honest and heartrending account of very real stories from very real students. The book is a quick -- but emotional -- read and relevant for people of all ages and backgrounds. It is helpful to those currently dealing with loss and can provide insight to those who haven't yet suffered the experience. As someone who knows the author personally, this book is a true labor of love and I think it's awesome that Ms. Romero has provided these brave students an opportunity to share their words of truth and inspiration and, in the process, further their own personal healing. Two thumbs up! Everyone should read it!

Susan Romero pioneers the field of children and grieving. Her compassion, presence, and ability to connect with adolescents is moving. In fact, it even was helpful in processing some of my own grief.

Teens Dealing with Death is a must have for kids, their family, and friends dealing with loss of a loved one. Susan articulately discusses how our society still struggles with norms of avoiding grief, keeping a "stiff upper lip," etc. To move into our next stage of emotional and spiritual growth, it is crucial that we become more comfortable holding space for grief (both our own and others'). Thanks Susan!

It is obvious that Ms. Romero has a great ability to connect with her students and that she truly cares about them. I had no idea that so many students, within a small group, dealt with the death of a parent. I think the book is very helpful for those that have lost someone as well as others. Even if you haven't lost a loved one it makes you realize that any one of your peers could be dealing with this issue and you simply had no idea. I think children and adults alike could benefit from reading the book. The book was a very easy read.

My friend lost her father a few years ago and I thought it'd really help her since she continues to battle her emotions. After reading this book, it helped give her comfort knowing she isn't the only one fighting this battle. This book is a easy to read and a very good tool for anyone struggling to deal with the burden that accompanies a death; that's an understatement. It's appropriate for all ages, not just teens! Truly an amazing book.

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