

BOOK REVIEW

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When Someone Dies
by Sharon Greenlee

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The author has written a simple and poignant book that addresses all the confusing feelings and questions that children express and are hesitant to express about death. Although there is no actual dialog in the text, the content flows as though the author is sitting next to you and talking with you, very gently, about the harsh truths of death. I think the following passages will illustrate 'the flavor' and temperament of the book: "When someone dies, you can't talk together on the phone anymore, but you can still remember what the two of you used to say." Or, "Oftentimes you go to sleep at night and dream about the person still being with you. You feel so happy. Then you wake up and the dream isn't true, and the sad feels almost bigger than it felt in the beginning. It will usually start to get better again...about lunchtime". The watercolor illustrations are as compelling as the text, rich, simple, and poignant. It's not a complicated book and probably best suited for the latency-aged child.