



Stories for every step of a child's journey.

Journey Together Books offers stories that help children through life's ups and downs. Our whimsically illustrated stories evoke friendship, imagination, and play, three key elements which research shows helps children and grown-ups build resilience.



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CHILD-CENTERED BOOKS & CARDS

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This is Winslow, our mascot.



Kimberly Newton, M.Litt.
Author

Kimberly Newton, M.Litt., is a children's book author, teacher, and nonprofit leader. She loves traveling, tea parties, and gardens full of roses. When she's not teaching and writing, she also serves as a celebrant and consultant. Kimberly lives with her family in Harrisonburg, VA.



Ethan Roffler
Illustrator

Ethan Roffler is an award-winning illustrator currently living in scenic eastern Idaho. He is married, with two wonderful sugar bugs, three Guinea pigs, and a teeny tiny mouse. Ethan spends most of his days painting, enjoying the beautiful outdoors, and searching for the ever elusive desert gnomes.

Sympathy Cards

MSRP: \$4.99 per card - 50% wholesale discount
\$99 minimum opening order; \$65 reorders
Accept all major credit cards and checks; Invoicing available
Hand-delivery available to local merchants

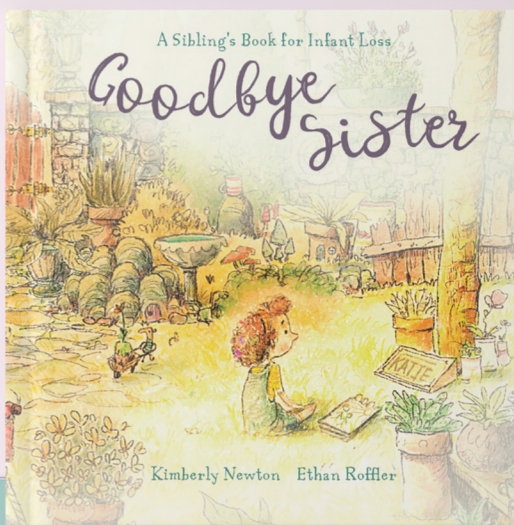
About our cards:

- Whimsically illustrated with child-centered visual narratives
- Blank inside
- Standard A2 size (4.25" x 5.5")
- Digitally printed in Virginia on FSC® Certified and Green-E Certified, acid-free, heavyweight 16.4 point, uncoated textured stock
- Comes with an envelope and biodegradable plastic sleeve
- Greeting card, envelope, and sleeve are compostable

Goodbye Sister

A Sibling's Book for Infant Loss

MSRP
\$11.99 softcover /
\$15.99 hardcover



Kimi is looking forward to becoming a big sister. After learning that the new baby has died, Kimi and her family grieve together. Kimi's parents reassure her that she will always be a big sister.

Goodbye Sister is for children ages 3-8 years old and promotes healthy grief recovery for children and families, including affirmation of negative and positive feelings, grieving as a family, recognition of the loss of hopes and expectations associated with a new baby, and a conclusion that reinforces the healing nature of love and memory.

Juvenile Fiction / Social Issues / Bereavement
Number of Words: 637
Lexile Level: 4th Grade
Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level: 4.1
Gunning Fog: 4.7 / Easy to Read

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Reviews

As a professor of Thanatology and Child Development, as well as a grief counselor in clinical practice, it is rare that I find a children's book about death which I would personally use in my own practice. Goodbye sister is that rare find. It is written with developmentally appropriate language AND illustrated in a way that conveys depth and emotion. Goodbye sister is a beautifully written story which avoids euphemisms, uses concrete language of die and death and does so with a lyrical and child centered approach. The text is comforting, yet direct; a beautiful synergy. The simple concrete explanations allow for children and their families to use this book in a healing and adaptive way. Additionally, books written for and by siblings are hard to find. You have a gem here. I would recommend this book for any child grieving the loss of a sibling.

-Korie Leigh, PhD, MPH, CCLS, CT, Child Development/Parenting Coach & Grief Counseling

Goodbye Sister is a deeply personal and moving story uniquely told from a child's perspective. Author Kimberly Newton's narrative not only provides a captivating description of what it is like to go through the death of a sibling at birth, but is also consistent with attachment theory-based approaches for helping a child in feel safe and comforted, as well as with the task of creating a coherent narrative of loss in the wake of happy anticipation. The death of a child at any point is understandably heartbreaking for adults, but perhaps even more so for a child who does not have a comparably comprehensive understanding of the world. Goodbye Sister makes such a loss a little easier to cope with and grow from.

-Charles F. Shepard, PhD, LPC, NCC

Kimberly Newton brings an extremely powerful story that touches on the loss of expectations and dreams that families feel navigating infant loss. I love that this book is direct and secular, allowing families from all walks of life to connect with its important message. This story is gentle enough for children and adults of any age to get meaning and insight. For children and families navigating the challenge of infant loss, I would highly recommend Goodbye Sister as a resource that will inspire conversation, connection, and healing. When my own son, Oliver, passed away, I would have loved a secular book like this to help explain to his older sister what had just happened. This book is truly a gift to families and I am thankful that Kimberly brought such a lovely book forward to share.

-Sarah Skaar

Mother to sweet Oliver, who unexpectedly passed away far too soon,
and who we carry with us in our hearts every single day.