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# When Someone Has A Very Serious Illness: Children Can Learn To Cope With Loss And Change



## **Synopsis**

An excellent resource for helping children learn the basic concepts of illness and various age-appropriate ways of coping with it.

## **Book Information**

Series: The Drawing Out Feelings Series

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

Grade Level: 4 - 7

## **Customer Reviews**

This is a good supplement, especially when working with children and adolescents. It works well with younger children, and can be adapted for adolescents. It gives the child a different way to learn and communicate the changes they are experiencing, and as a therapist I've been able to build on that to better assist my clients. I have several of the Heegaard books and i've found all of them useful in that way.

I would recommend this book for those family's who are dealing with a long term serious illness. Love the way it points out the positives and negatives about changes, even refers to changes in the seasons. I liked how it gave information for the parent to help the child. Only negative is that it assumed you were in a typical american household and we were separated for some time. While my 6 yr old daughters father was alive she would ask to do her special book. I told her she had to do the pages in order like the book suggests. Unfortunately, he passed suddenly after we received the book and she hasn't asked for the book since.

I work for a small hospice and give this book out to young children when the situation calls for it. I think it is a good resource for starting conversations, answering questions, and processing through feelings.

My daughter has chronic illness and her husband and her were worried because their two girls 6 & 7 have seen a lot of what mommy goes thru in ambulances and ER's but wouldn't talk about it. . This book really helped them open up about their feelings and ask questions they were afraid to ask before. Parents said they highly recommend the .

I have used this book many times with children who have family members or friends with a serious illness. It helps give adults the words to try to explain a very difficult concept to people who think concretely. It also helps to open communications so that children can speak of their feelings and are not left with their imaginations and the stories they create. Those stories can be far more fearful to the child than the truth told simply and honestly.

Love that this book asks questions I wouldn't think of and that the kids can illustrate the pages. It says ages 4 and up, but my very verbal 3 year old could answer most of the questions. My 2 year old could answer some of them.

These workbooks are great for any young child trying to cope with a difficult situation. They are age appropriate and really help to explain in a way that kids connect with. I have quite a few of these.

Comforting book for kids in grades K-5 who enjoy drawing. There is a one sentence prompt for drawing on each page. This book may be too simplistic for kids who have explored their feelings with a therapist. Please note that no coping strategies are presented, aside from the therapeutic drawing. Great tool to facilitate conversations between therapists and clients, parents and children.

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