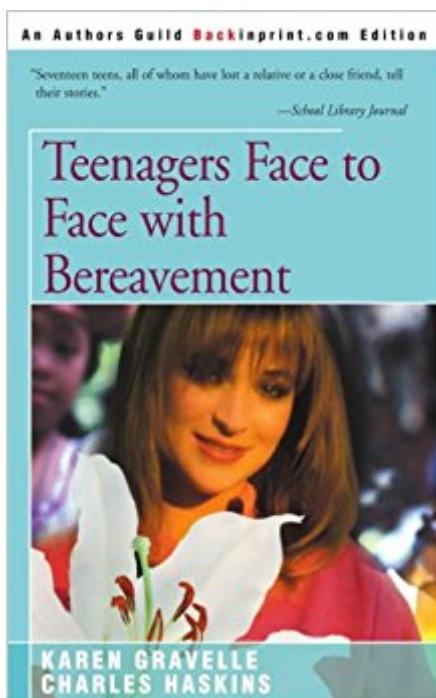


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# Teenagers Face To Face With Bereavement



## **Synopsis**

Nearly 20 teenagers express themselves in the book, with the authors taking their cues from the interviewees. The language is informal and easy for readers to relate to. The authors discuss what happens when illness or an accident precedes death, the funeral, shock and post-shock, and the range of feelings, and include especially valuable sections on possible reactions people have on the anniversary of a death, how to rebuild a life following the death, and how friends might react to grieving teens. Throughout are quotes from the teenagers themselves. *Publishers Weekly*, June 9, 1989

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Age Range: 12 - 17 years

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## **Customer Reviews**

Grade 6 Up --Psychotherapist Gravelle and social worker/Episcopal priest Haskins asked 17 teens, all of whom have lost a relative or a close friend, to tell their stories. These responses are discussed at length from the points of view of teens and counselors, as are difficult situations which may follow a death: overprotective parents who fear another loss; observance of significant anniversaries; whether and how to tell new friends about what happened; fear of risking new relationships; reluctance to leave home to attend college. The young people speak honestly and earnestly, offering coping strategies that worked for them. Both interviewees and compilers offer hope and comfort. The compilers endorse survivor counseling and point to successful outcomes of peer group therapy. Despite its potential use as a tool for information and guidance and its compassionate

intentions, this is difficult reading. In fact, the style is disastrous: repetitive statements, chapters that amount to nothing more than elongated paragraphs, and confusing organization. There is great need for a work of this type to supplement LeShan's Learning to Say Good-bye (Macmillan, 1976), which is directed to a younger audience, and Richter's powerful Losing Someone You Love (Putnam, 1986), both of which are more narrowly focused, but this one is not totally successful.

--Libby K. White, Schenectady County Pub . Lib . , N.Y.Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"Seventeen teens, all of whom have lost a relative or a close friend, tell their stories." -- School Library Journal

The reviewed copy is a hardback. A relatively older title, the book looks at the experiences of 17 teens, interspersing their comments in the text. Moderate readers might struggle to keep the narrative together. The stories from the teens are a highlight of the book, which makes the effort fruitful. A chart in the front is helpful for those tracking an individual's path through the book.

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