

MEDIA KIT – The Day Sweetie Pie Died (2025)

Author Bio

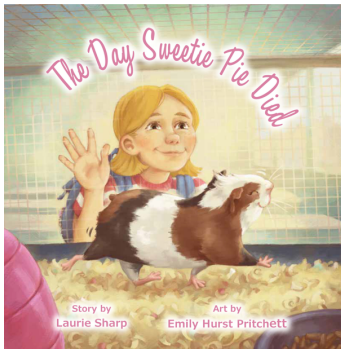


Laurie Sharp has dedicated more than three decades to teaching Pre-K, where she has inspired generations of children through her deep appreciation for the natural world. In both her outdoor classrooms and her writing, Laurie draws from the rhythms and cycles of life, weaving them into stories that are both relatable and transformative for young readers.

Living between her ranchette in Central Texas and her family's lake house in the Northwoods of Wisconsin, Laurie finds inspiration in the landscapes, animals, and gardens that surround her. When she is not writing, she spends her time caring for pets, farm animals, and wildlife, continually learning from the beauty and fragility of the living world.

Her debut picture book, *The Day Sweetie Pie Died*, reflects her lifelong passion for nurturing children's emotional growth while addressing life's most challenging lessons. Through Maggie's story, Laurie offers parents, caregivers, and educators a meaningful resource for helping children understand loss, resilience, and remembrance. You can learn more about Laurie's work at lmsharpbooks.com or follow her on Instagram @lauriesharp33.

Book Synopsis



In *The Day Sweetie Pie Died*, Laurie Sharp invites young readers into Maggie's lively world of discovery, friendship, and compassion. School days are full of laughter and play, but what makes them truly special is Maggie's bond with Sweetie Pie, the classroom guinea pig. When Sweetie Pie becomes ill and eventually passes away, Maggie and her classmates face a difficult yet important life lesson.

Guided with kindness by their teacher, Ms. Lamms, the children confront their grief head-on. They share stories, ask questions, and together find ways to honor Sweetie Pie's life. Through this shared experience, they learn that grief is not only about sadness, but also about love – that to remember someone is to keep their spirit alive in our hearts.

Sharp's storytelling balances clarity and tenderness, making this book an invaluable tool for initiating conversations about death with children. Paired with vibrant illustrations, *The Day Sweetie Pie Died* provides children with a safe and nurturing context to explore emotions that might otherwise feel overwhelming.

This debut picture book is more than just a story about a pet; it is a celebration of resilience, memory, and the healing power of community. Sweetie Pie's presence lingers, reminding readers that love, once given, is never truly lost.

Testimonials & Reviews

"A gentle and respectful introduction to the grieving process." – **Kirkus Reviews**

"Few children's books embrace the bigger picture of life and death in the manner of *The Day Sweetie Pie Died*, which shows how a day like any other turns into a day of not just mourning, but a renewed celebration of life." – **D. Donovan**, *Senior Reviewer, Midwest Book Review*

"...The best part is that the children participate actively in their coping with Sweetie Pie's death, working together to honor her memory and celebrate her life! What a gift for the children and their teacher, who demonstrate to us that a life lived is a life worth celebrating..." – **Laurens Fish III**, *Fourth Generation Funeral Director*

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