

THE DAY SWEETIE PIE DIED

A COMPASSIONATE CHILDREN'S BOOK INTRODUCES YOUNG READERS TO LOVE, LOSS, AND REMEMBRANCE

A Heartfelt Story of friendship, loss, and healing for children

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Overview:

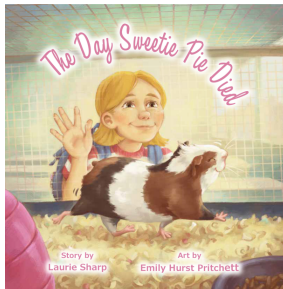
When a beloved classroom pet takes its last breath, a group of children discovers the meaning of love, loss, and memory. With warmth and honesty, *The Day Sweetie Pie Died* invites readers into a gentle story of resilience and remembrance that resonates with families, educators, and caregivers.

About the Book:

In *The Day Sweetie Pie Died*, Maggie, a spirited child, shares her joy of school life and her deep affection for Sweetie Pie, the classroom guinea pig. When Sweetie Pie falls ill, Maggie and her classmates must face a tender lesson in grief. Guided by their teacher, Ms. Lamms, the children explore sadness, fear, and hope, ultimately learning that while loss brings sorrow, memories can bring comfort and healing.

Laurie Sharp's debut balances honesty with warmth, offering a compassionate tool for parents and educators to begin important conversations about life and death. Rich with tender imagery, the book validates children's feelings while modeling healthy ways to process them. The book uses dyslexia-friendly text.

Praise for The Day Sweetie Pie Died



"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*

Availability:

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