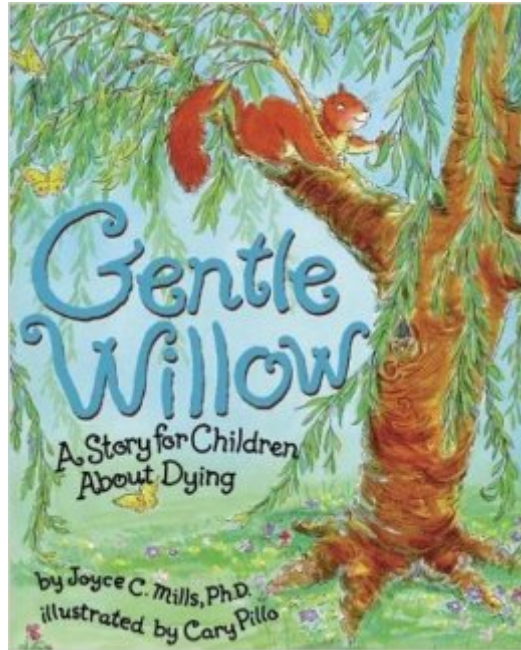


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# Gentle Willow: A Story For Children About Dying



## Synopsis

Written for children who may not survive their illness or for the children who know them, this tale helps address feelings of disbelief, anger, and sadness, along with love and compassion. Amanda and Little Tree discover that their friend Gentle Willow isn't feeling very well.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

I originally bought this book to read to my children, on the plane ride home to Michigan, to help them deal with the soon to be death of my father. I had read them a few books about dying and those books were about teaching them it was ok to have all their feelings. That was what I was expecting when I read this on the plane. I was hoping I was giving them some more help in dealing with their feelings, while I (although I hadn't known it at the time) wasn't even thinking about my own. What I ended up getting, though, was a story that was so beautiful and breathtakingly comforting that I was helped, along with my children. When my father died and we were waiting for the coroner, I told my mother about the book I had just read the children called Gentle Willow. I was hoping that it's metaphorical story would bring her some of the same comfort it brought me. My mom made me get it right then and she read it while we waited. My mom could not believe how the story was just like my dad's situation. When he was in his coma he was like the caterpillar who was in a dark place, but

with his death he would be well again and in heaven and he would now have the gift of becoming the butterfly. This thought and story brought my mom so much peace she ordered copies to give all her friends. She has since commissioned a glass artist to do a mosaic of the Gentle Willow and the yellow butterfly to be done and hung in her church. There was actually an article in the newspaper about the Mosaic and how the book, Gentle Willow, helped her during the death of my father. As far as how it helped my children, they are 18 and 19 now and they still read Gentle Willow when someone has died.

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