

## Tender Topics: Cancer Booklist

Picture Books:

***The Goodbye Cancer Garden*** by Janna Matthies

E MAT

When a mother is diagnosed with breast cancer, she and her family plant a garden and watch it grow through the seasons as she undergoes treatments and gets better.

***When Eric's Mom Fought Cancer*** by Judith Vigna

E VIG

A ski trip with his father helps a young boy who feels angry and afraid when his mother gets sick with breast cancer.

***Punk Wig*** by Lori Ries

E RIE

Mom's treatment for cancer causes her to lose her hair. But today is "wig day", where Mom gets to try out several new hairstyles.

***Hair for Mama*** by Kelly Tinkham

E TIN

When Marcus's mother has chemotherapy for her cancer and loses her hair, he tries to find new hair for her to make her well again.

***Promises*** by Elizabeth Winthrop

P/T E WIN

A young girl experiences a range of emotions when her mother undergoes treatment for cancer.

***Sammy's Mommy Has Cancer*** by Sherry Kohlenberg

P/T E KOH

Sammy's mommy receives treatment for cancer, goes into the hospital for surgery, recovers at home, and shares her continuing love for him.

***Good Luck, Mrs. K*** by Louise Borden

E BOR

All the students in the third grade are affected when their beloved teacher, Mrs. Kempczinski, is suddenly hospitalized with cancer.

***The Paper Chain*** by Claire Blake

E BLA

When Mom gets cancer all of the family's routines are disrupted, but with surgery, chemotherapy, radiation and rest, she eventually gets well enough to do the things they did before she got sick.

Novels:

***The Bald-headed Princess*** by Maribeth R. Ditmars

J DIT

With her parents by her side and new friends to tell her bad jokes, eleven-year-old "soccer princess" Izzie Salida learns to cope with her leukemia diagnosis and treatment.

***A Monster Calls*** by Patrick Ness

J NES

Thirteen-year-old Conor awakens one night to find a monster outside his bedroom window, but not the one from the recurring nightmare that began when his mother became ill--an ancient, wild creature that wants him to face truth and loss.

***Defiance*** by Valerie Hobbs

J HOB

While vacationing in the country, eleven-year-old Toby, a cancer patient, learns some important lessons about living and dying from an elderly poet and her cow.

***Sort of Forever*** by Sally Warner

J WAR

Twelve-year-olds Cady and Nana explore the strengths of their special friendship as they cope with Nana's cancer.

***Sky Memories*** by Pat Brisson

J BRI

When ten-year-old Emily learns that her mother has cancer, the two of them begin a ritual that will help Emily remember her mother after she is dead.

***Hard Hit*** by Ann Warren Turner

J TUR

A rising high school baseball star faces his most difficult challenge when his father is diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

***Toning the Sweep*** by Angela Johnson

On a visit to her grandmother Ola, who is dying of cancer in her house in the desert, fourteen-year-old Emmie hears many stories about the past and her family history and comes to a better understanding of relatives both dead and living.