

Top 10 Books

Say “I Love You” to Everyone on Your List

These books are guaranteed to go straight to your heart! They’ve been specially selected by intergenerational researcher, educator, and National Chair of the *Something to Remember Me By* Legacy Project Susan V. Bosak, MA. Young and old sharing a book together is a great way to build a loving connection and explore all the different kinds of love. Giving picture books as gifts to the people you love is also a special, unique way to say “I love you.” These books are perfect for giving in any direction – adult to child, child to adult, and adult to adult. For more tips, information, resources, and activities, visit www.somethingtoremembermeby.org.

① **Parent & Child:** *Guess How Much I Love You* by Sam McBratney, illustrated by Anita Jeram. Every time Little Nutbrown Hare shows Big Nutbrown Hare how much he loves him, Big Nutbrown Hare returns the love even more.



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② **Mother & Daughter:** *My Mama Had a Dancing Heart* by Libba Moore Gray, illustrated by Raul Colon. When a mother and daughter share a close, loving relationship, it carries forward to who the daughter becomes.

③ **Father & Son:** *My Dad* by Anthony Browne. An affectionate story about a father who can do anything, from vanquishing bad guys to giving heartfelt hugs.

④ **Grandmother & Grandchild:** *Something to Remember Me By* by Susan V. Bosak, illustrated by Laurie McGaw. In this moving story of love, a grandmother and granddaughter share special times and gifts through the years as it becomes clear that one gift – the legacy of love – is the most precious of all. This book inspired the national *Something to Remember Me By* Legacy Project.

⑤ **Grandfather & Grandchild:** *Grandfather’s Lovesong* by Reeve Lindbergh, illustrated by R. Isadora. A poetic description of a grandfather’s love for his grandson, using nature metaphors through the seasons.

⑥ **Spouse:** *The Last Dance* by Carmen Agra Deedy, illustrated by Debrah Santini. From childhood through old age, Bessie and her husband Ninny express their lasting love for each other by dancing.

⑦ **Sister & Sister:** *Big Sister and Little Sister* by Charlotte Zolotow, illustrated by Martha Alexander. At first, big sister takes care of little sister, but soon they learn how much they need each other.

⑧ **Brother & Sister:** *Tell Me Something Happy Before I Go to Sleep* by Joyce Dunbar, illustrated by Debi Gliori. A little bunny gets some special reassurance, and a cuddle, from her brother as she falls asleep.

⑨ **Grandfriend & Young Friend:** *Miz Berlin Walks* by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Floyd Cooper. At first, Mary Louise is afraid of old Miz Berlin, until one day she realizes all the wonderful stories the woman has to tell. A tender tale about an intergenerational, interracial friendship.

⑩ **Young & Old:** *Some Things Go Together* by Charlotte Zolotow, illustrated by Ashley Wolff. Couplets throughout this book – “peace with dove, home with love, and you with me” – show that some things truly do go together, and are accompanied by loving portraits of adults and children.