



Old Age / The Elderly

Books available at the Columbus Metropolitan Library

PICTURE BOOKS

The Two of Them by Aiki, 1979

Picture Book ALIKI

This heartwarming book describes the special bond between a little girl and her grandfather, from her birth all the way up until his death. (Grades K-3)

My Grandpa by Marta Altes, 2013

Picture Book ALTES

A young bear and his grandfather continue to share a close relationship even as the elder bear suffers from symptoms resembling Alzheimer's disease. (Grades K-3)

Grandfather Buffalo by Jim Arnosky, 2006

Picture Book ARNOSKY

Old Grandfather Buffalo moves so slowly that he risks losing sight of the herd, but finds new energy when he is joined at the back of the herd by a newborn buffalo. (Grades K-3)

Little Mama Forgets by Robin Cruise, 2006

Picture Book CRUISE

Luciana's grandmother, 'Little Mama', forgets many things in her old age – but always seems to remember the important, special things she shares with her granddaughter. (Grades K-3)

Nana Upstairs & Nana Downstairs Tomie DePaolo, 1973.

Picture Book DePAOLO

A small boy loves visiting his grandmother, 'Nana Downstairs' and great-grandmother, 'Nana Upstairs', who live together in the same home. This story describes wonderfully the sorrow felt by a child when an elderly loved one passes away. (Grades K-3)

Grumpy Grandpa by Heather Henson, 2009.

Picture Book HENSON

Jack doesn't like spending time with his grandfather. Grumpy Grandpa has hair where people shouldn't and is always yelling – at the TV, at the newspaper, even at his own dog. Jack is even a little bit scared of Grandpa, until the two of them spend some time at a fishing hole. (Grades 2-4)

Henry and Mudge and the Great Grandpas by Cynthia Rylant, 2005

Picture Book Reader RYLANT

Henry and his dog, Mudge, love visiting Grandpa Bill and his friends at the "home with lots of other grandpas". This easy reader is a great introduction to elder care for newly independent readers. (Grades K-3)

JUVENILE FICTION

The Bell Bandit by Jacqueline Davies, 2012

J Fiction DAVIES

A brother and sister work together to solve a family mystery – while coming to terms with their grandmother's strange behavior. (Grades 3-6)

Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Reilly Giff, 2002

J Fiction GIFF

This Newbery Honor book tells the story of a twelve-year-old orphan with a troubled past, who is staying with and caring for an elderly artist. (Grades 3-6)

Ratfink by Marcia Thornton Jones, 2006

J Fiction JONES

Logan's fifth grade life becomes complicated by a new girl at school, and by the fact that his forgetful and embarrassing grandfather has moved into his family's home. (Grades 3-6)

Kindred Souls by Patricia MacLachlan, 2012

J Fiction MacLACHLAN

Jake and his eighty-eight year old grandfather, Billy, share an exceptional bond. When Billy falls deathly ill, Jake is determined to carry out his final wish. An extremely poignant novel. (Grades 3-6)

TEEN FICTION

Rules of the Road by Joan Bauer, 1998

Teen Fiction BAUER

A sixteen-year-old girl is chosen to act as chauffeur to her aging employer on a cross-country business trip. This coming of age story touches on a number of important issues regarding the elderly. (Grades 7-12)

Petey by Ben Mikaelson, 1998

Teen Fiction MIKAELSON

This story begins in the 1920's, when many illnesses were not yet well understood. Petey is just two years old when his parents commit him to the state's insane asylum, not knowing he suffers from cerebral palsy. Bound to a wheelchair and living in horrific conditions, Petey bonds with various caretakers over the years, but is devastated when each eventually leaves him. By the time he is committed to a nursing home as an old man, he is bitter and angry from years of isolation – but all that might change, thanks to a lonely newcomer named Trevor. (Grades 6-8)

Notes from the Midnight Driver by Jordan Sonnenblick, 2006

Teen Fiction SONNENBLICK

Sixteen-year-old Alex is having a rough year, and lands in trouble with the law. While performing court-ordered community service at a nursing home, he is assigned to assist Solomon, a 'difficult' senior citizen who has a lot to teach Alex about life. (Grades 9-12)

NONFICTION

Our Grandparents, A Global Album by Maya Ajmera, 2010

J Non-Fiction 306.874 Ajm

A heartwarming book that shares photographs of grandparents and grandchildren from all around the world, showing children that the love of family transcends all cultural differences. (Grades K-3)