



Recommended for ages 7+

Those who leave, live on through our living...

Elegy for an Elephant is a story of three children seeking their father's soul. It honours ways we can connect with loved ones we have lost, and the timeless nature of love.

This book is offered as a beacon of hope and therapeutic resource for readers navigating grief, and for the families and communities supporting them.

Awards

- ★ **Winner**, 'Author/Illustrator', Northern Lights Book Awards 2023
- ★ **Winner**, 'Small Press Children's Picture Book', Nautilus Book Awards 2024
- ★ **Shortlist**, 'UTS Glenda Adams Award for New Writing', New South Wales Premier's Literary Awards 2024

Praise for *Elegy for an Elephant*

"*Elegy for an Elephant* is a brave work that deserves the widest possible readership. It deals with the trauma of losing a loved one to suicide, with a lightness and a poignancy that renders it both deeply moving and richly uplifting. The illustrations are delicate and luminous, it is a beautiful work."

Matt Ottley, author of *The Tree of Ecstasy and Unbearable Sadness*

"Supported and endorsed by child grief professionals, this book fills a vital gap in helping children to understand - and to navigate - their own grief and loss. The illustrations, with their unusual beauty, ignited my sense of awe. I poured over the landscapes with their varied perspectives and points of view for a long, long time. This book reached straight into my heart (in the best way), and it's possible that I won't ever be quite the same again."

Elizabeth Vercoe, *Kids Book Review*, author of *The Grief Book*

"It is inspiring how Ryan has recycled a tough life event into something meaningful, beautiful and poetic that will in turn help others."

Matthew Johnstone, author of *I Had a Black Dog*

"Young griever, and those of all ages, dealing with the painful, confusing, loss of a loved one to suicide, will feel gently held and supported by Ryan's thoughtful words. The exquisite illustrations will touch hearts with the possibility of healing and hope for the future."

Dr Diana Sands PhD, Director, Centre for Intense Grief, author of *Red Chocolate Elephants: for Children Bereaved by Suicide*

18% OF THE PROFITS FROM THIS BOOK ARE DONATED TO MENTAL HEALTH ORGANISATIONS

About the author

Ryan Abramowitz is a Melbourne-based artist, writer and storyteller who draws inspiration from the natural world. Ryan seeks to create artistic expressions that resonate with, and inspire audiences. He has worked in marketing, brand experience and communications across corporate, freelance and not-for-profit settings. Through his business, Today Tomorrow Forever, Ryan paints wedding certificates and other bespoke artworks that celebrate love and other life milestones. Ryan is excited to share many narratives of nature with the world. *Elegy for an Elephant* is his debut picture book.



Advance Information for *Elegy for an Elephant*

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