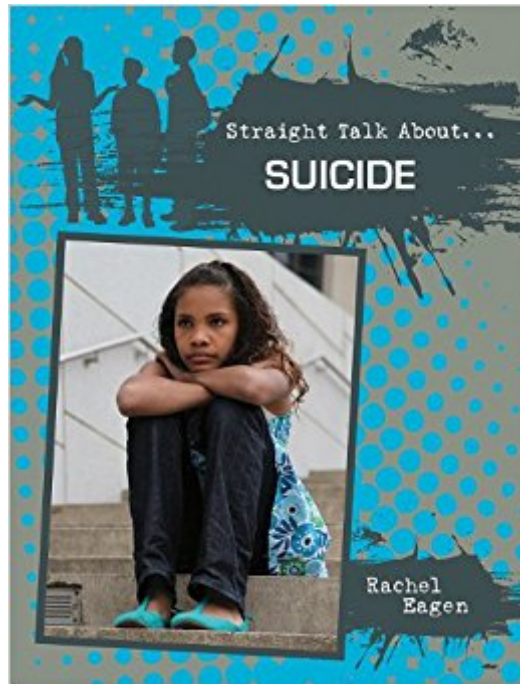




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Synopsis

Suicide is the third-leading cause of death for young people. It is important to understand the forces that can lead to suicide and to know how to help someone at risk. This book examines how to cope with stresses that can lead to suicide such as family violence, painful breakups, bullying, or depression.

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I recently needed to find a book on children's grief for my daughters, and stumbled upon a book on suicide on the juvenile shelf that caught my attention. Talking to our kids about suicide is daunting to most parents, and I always remind myself what Thomas Joiner (survivor and author of *Why People Die By Suicide*) says in his book; always tell your children the truth. But talking about self-harm, eating disorders, even bad boyfriends, to our daughters in particular, puts fear in our hearts. Which is why I was so happy to find this series of books for children at my local library. I plan on consulting the entire series, but for now I've absorbed the book on suicide hungrily. What I kept thinking to myself was, this needs to be on the adult shelf as well! It really breaks down, in an easy to digest way, what suicide is: wanting to stop the pain, not necessarily the life. Rather than rave on and on about how what an excellent resource this is for all, I've bullet pointed the wonderful trueisms the book validates: Failed attempts are not just ways to "look for attention"- they are cries for help and should always be taken seriously. Feeling alone and fearing no one can help you is a common feeling; you are normal. Youth may attempt suicide due to one single upsetting event, so healthy,

happy children are capable of making a wrong decision. Suicides occur in stable homes. The book also delves into being a survivor and emphasizes "It is not the responsibility of others to stop a person from dying". Kids have a lot of survivor guilt, and need to be reminded of this. Will this book be read? When I read a great book, particularly for kids, I often scoop up all the used copies on .com to give to friends. Sadly, I can't say I'll do that this time. Most people are horrified to learn my daughters know the term suicide, and would never be so honest with their own children, even if the topic came up directly. I can't make that decision for others, thus I won't be giving any copies of this book away this Christmas. But I will keep it on my bookshelf, because much like Iris Bolton's *My Son, My Son*, my copies of life saving books like these seem to always be needed elsewhere. It's good to have these fabulous resources around, available to drop in the hands of, sadly, another new survivor.

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