



## Loss and Grief

### A Manual for Human Services Professionals

by Neil Thompson

This comprehensive guide offers a holistic perspective on loss and grief that extends beyond traditional death-related circumstances.

The integration of sociological insights and spiritual dimensions to provide a broad understanding of grief in various professional contexts enables readers to link theory and practice in supporting others through significant life changes. Practical applications are presented to empower practitioners to recognise and respond effectively to the full spectrum of loss.

Essential reading for human service professionals, including counsellors, social workers, healthcare providers and educators across all sectors who work with individuals experiencing loss.

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"There cannot be a manual for how to grieve, but Dr Thompson has crafted an informative manual for practitioners to understand responses to loss and how to support people who are grieving. Unlike many other books about grief, this book crucially provides a critical and holistic perspective that blends theory and practice."  
**Professor Erica Borgstrom**, The Open University

"Neil Thompson has given us a uniquely helpful resource for professionals and paraprofessionals who find individuals, families and communities coming to terms with loss in their practice. The book synthesizes and draws the wisdom from current bereavement literature and practice in a way that gives readers both the intellectual framework and practical advice to bring their own skills and resources to their clients. Thompson understands loss broadly. Thompson's writing is clear, the case vignettes well chosen, and the practical advice solid.

**Dennis Klass**, PhD Culture, Consolation, and Continuing Bonds in Bereavement: The Selected Works of Dennis Klass (Routledge, 2022).



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