

This dissertation explores the impact of the death of a child on the immediate family. I aim to inform my practice as a humanistic and integrative practitioner working with clients experiencing loss.

The methodology comprises a review of the literature on grief theory and focuses upon the impact of loss on parents and siblings. The case study explores my work with a client whose three-year-old son died of a heart condition. It illustrates my rationale for my theoretical integration and touches upon losing my own son.

This dissertation highlights the personal experience of grieving parents and siblings. My literature review demonstrates that there is a lack of resources for bereaved fathers.

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