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From Library Journal

The death of one's parents is "the ultimate equal-opportunity" experience; becoming an orphan as an adult happens to nearly everybody. Yet despite the flood of self-help books on death and the grieving process, very little (with the exception of Hope Edleman's *Motherless Daughters*) has been written on parental loss.

Incorporating his own personal experience with the accounts of others who have lost their parents, psychologist Levy examines this profound life-changing event with compassion and understanding. Since our parents "project an illusion of permanence," writes Levy, their death forces us to confront our own mortality (we are next in line to die) and to adjust to our new identities as orphaned adults. Indeed, he argues that this stripping of our childish beliefs is the first step toward true adulthood: "Perhaps only after parents have died can people find out what they are going to be when they grow up." This wise and caring book is recommended for all collections.

Wilda Williams, "Library Journal"

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Review

"I have never been more moved than by reading this extraordinarily personal, inspirational, and helpful book....Levy makes the old new and roots the new in the timeless. A gem to be treasured, a truly life-affirming accomplishment." -- *Rabbi Earl Grollman, D.H.L., D.D., author of Living When a Loved One Has Died*

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