

The Happiest Day of My Life

by Gillie and Marc Schattner

Harry loves his life - he likes to ride his bicycle, and fly with the birds, and splash the fishes. But one day he finds out that he will someday die. Every day he worries, 'Will this be the day I die?' Suddenly his life is no longer fun. Only when Harry decides to live each day as if it's his last can he rediscover the joy in life.

The authors were inspired to write this story when they had to find a way to explain death to their young children. They decided to create a story that would be uplifting and positive, seen from the perspective of a child, whose sweetness and innocence is insightful in the lesson it can teach both adults and children.

The authors sent copies of *The Happiest Day of My Life* to well-known people in the community and as a result touched the lives of many such as Elle Macpherson, Cardinal George Pell, and most poignantly Peter Brock.

This book is a gift to adults and children alike as it reminds us to enjoy life, and can also help to explain death to children in a positive and thoughtful way.



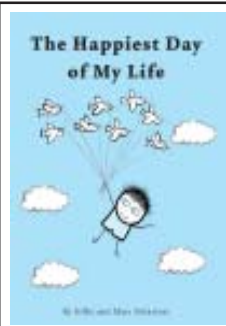
ABOUT THE AUTHORS

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