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Logan Trumbull is an active, football fanatic fourth grader; his mother never expected him to sit down and write about living through his father's terminal cancer and eventual death in 2007. That story has become a book, "Logan's Story," a lavishly illustrated and interactive tome that helped Logan heal and will help other children better understand grief and loss when someone close to them dies.

"Logan's Story" tells the story of Logan and his older brother Austin, sister Jessica, mother Deanna, dog Daisy, and many friends and family members including Logan's classmates in Mrs. Johnson's third and fourth grade class at Weber Elementary School in Iowa City as they cope with Ray Trumbull's illness and eventually their grief and loss.

The book's illustrations have been lovingly created by Mary Moyer-Rowley, an Iowa City artist and graphic designer who also happens to be Logan's neighbor. As Logan tells his story, Mary has included many interactive pages including word scrambles, dot-to-dot puzzle, and more, to help children more fully engage with the story in a non-threatening way.



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Because Ray Trumbull received their services during the last months of his life, his family has designated all proceeds from the sale of the book benefit Iowa City Hospice. Deanna Trumbull said, "We used so many of the services that Iowa City Hospice offered from medical care to social workers to many, many volunteer hours. They not only cared for Ray but they cared for the rest of us too, and because of that I was still able to be a Mom and attend all of my children's school activities and Ray was never alone. We can never thank Iowa City Hospice enough, and directing the proceeds of 'Logan's Story' to them is one way for all of us to try and give back some of what they gave to us."