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Life on the farm in Minnesota was not easy during the early 1900s. All family members had to work long hours as a team to maintain an adequate supply of food, clothing, and shelter . . . the basic necessities of human existence. A trip to the annual County Fair was a treat beyond the comprehension of today's leisure-burdened Americans. Why, then, would a talented and attractive young woman named Nina Hatchitt leave a successful career in the heady cultural environment of Washington D.C. to marry a Minnesota farmer? Nina's decision was driven by love of a particular man and by love of family in the broadest and purest sense. Her choice was between the probability of new sensations of pleasure and more money to spend on things, and the promise of life-long heart happiness. She made her decision at a time when her already successful career was about to soar to higher levels. But by becoming a farmer's wife, she simply added a second career to an already impressive resume. Somehow she managed to continue writing poetry, song lyrics, and prose while giving birth to and raising six children under the difficult conditions of farm life. She was able to get a few of her pieces into print, but most have gathered dust in family archives during the eight decades since her death. By compiling and annotating Nina's writings, Wendell and Anne Duffield record a bit of early-1900s farm-life history while documenting engaging literature of broad and universal appeal. When your life is over, everything you did will be represented by a single dash between two dates—what will that dash mean for the people you have known and loved? As Joseph Epstein once said, “We do not choose to be born. We do not choose our parents, or the country of our birth. We do not, most of us, choose to die. . . . But within this realm of choicelessness, we do choose how we live.” And that is what The Dash is all about. Beginning with an inspiring poem by Linda Ellis titled “The Dash,” renowned author Mac Anderson then applies his own signature commentary on how the poem motivates us to make certain choices in our lives—choices to ignore the calls of selfishness and instead reach out to others, using our God-given abilities

to brighten their days and lighten their loads. After all, at the end of life, how we will be remembered—whether our dash represents a full, joyous life of seeking God's glory, or merely the space between birth and death—will be entirely up to the people we've left behind, the lives we've changed. "My intention was to 'peek' at *I Wish My Father*, but I couldn't put it down, and after the last poem, I started again from page one and read to the end. This collection is so moving and plain-spoken, that the careful attention to the ingredients of sound and prosody baked into each line might go unnoticed, which is what we, as poets, hope for. I got to know the author's dad in all his humanity; he is now part of my family. A wonderful companion to *I Carry My Mother*; in both volumes, Newman captures the moods and personalities beautifully". -Richard Michelson, author of *More Money Than God* "*I Wish My Father* is a study of a father-daughter relationship, full of daily expressions of love, loyalty, and devotion that passes between the two. In this book-length verse sequence, a partner to Newman's previous collection *I Carry My Mother*, the poet bears witness to her father's life, post losing his wife/her mother, and brings forth their shared grief in finely wrought observations of domestic moments that resound with larger meaning. With Newman's trademark clarity of language and her matter-of-fact tone mixed with tenderness, these poems offer moving reflections on facing the vicissitudes of aging, loss, and mortality." -Shara McCallum, author of *No Ruined Stone* "This collection speaks eloquently to the dictum that if you write fully about one person, you write about all people in their humanity. Lesléa Newman deftly enumerates situations that in their beautifully observed wrinkles and folds give forth the feeling of an aged man's life and his relationship with his daughter, who, in dealing with his crotchets and quibbles, to saying nothing of pure stubbornness, is 'on the edge / of a nervous breakdown.' Droll and sad, these poems possess an abundance of insight, a precious empathy that rises out of the depths of exasperation into the bemused heights of love." -Baron Wormser, author of *Unidentified Sighing Objects* An instant New York Times Bestseller! Longlisted for the 2019 National Book Award for Fiction, the Carnegie Medal in Fiction, the 2019 Aspen Words Literacy Prize, and the PEN/Hemingway Debut Novel Award Shortlisted for the 2019 Center for Fiction First Novel Prize Winner of the 2019 New England Book Award for Fiction! Named one of the most anticipated books of 2019 by *Vulture*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Buzzfeed*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Oprah.com*, *Huffington Post*, *The A.V. Club*, *Nylon*, *The Week*, *The Rumpus*, *The Millions*, *The Guardian*, *Publishers Weekly*, and more. "A lyrical work of self-discovery that's shockingly intimate and insistently universal...Not so much briefly gorgeous as permanently stunning." -Ron Charles, *The Washington Post* *Poet Ocean Vuong's* debut novel is a shattering portrait of a family, a first love, and the redemptive power of storytelling *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* is a letter from a son to a mother who cannot read. Written when the speaker, Little Dog, is in his late twenties, the letter unearths a family's history that began before he was born - a history whose epicenter is rooted in Vietnam - and serves as a doorway into parts of his life his mother has never known, all of it leading to an unforgettable revelation. At once a witness to the fraught yet undeniable love between a single mother and her son, it is also a brutally honest exploration of race, class, and masculinity. Asking questions central to our

American moment, immersed as we are in addiction, violence, and trauma, but undergirded by compassion and tenderness, *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* is as much about the power of telling one's own story as it is about the obliterating silence of not being heard. With stunning urgency and grace, Ocean Vuong writes of people caught between disparate worlds, and asks how we heal and rescue one another without forsaking who we are. The question of how to survive, and how to make of it a kind of joy, powers the most important debut novel of many years. Named a Best Book of the Year by: *GQ*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *Booklist*, *Library Journal*, *TIME*, *Esquire*, *The Washington Post*, *Apple*, *Good Housekeeping*, *The New Yorker*, *The New York Public Library*, *Elle.com*, *The Guardian*, *The A.V. Club*, *NPR*, *Lithub*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Vogue.com*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *Mother Jones*, *Vanity Fair*, *The Wall Street Journal Magazine* and more! Eight centuries of poetry by Guillaume Apollinaire, Charles Baudelaire, Stephen Vincent Benét, Bruce Bennett, Bob Beru, Ambrose Bierce, Deborah Boe, Anne Bradstreet, Emily Brontë, Rupert Brooke, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Robert Browning, Robert Burns, Hart Crane, Rob Dickenson, John Donne, Ernest Christopher Dowson, Bekka Eaton, Shloyme Ettinger, Pam Freeman, Charles Kelsey Gaines, Mozart Guerrier, Joe Hill, Ibrahim Honjo, Violet Jacob, James Weldon Johnson, John Keats, Christopher Kennedy, Letitia Elizabeth Landon, Nikolaus Lenau, K. Lee Lerner, Eric v.d. Luft, Katharyn Howd Machan, Guillaume de Machaut, Gérard de Nerval, Friedrich Nietzsche, Paracelsa, Sarah Penn, Patricia Piety, August Graf von Platen, Aleksandr Sergeevich Pushkin, Lola Ridge, Rainer Maria Rilke, Jay Rogoff, Isaac Rosenberg, Tanya Rucosky Noakes, Bonnie A. St. Andrews, David Saxton, William Shakespeare, Brielle Stanton, Bayard Taylor, Thor Vilhjálmsson, Georg Trakl, Paul Valéry, Tobias Vargrim, François Villon, Phillis Wheatley, Anna Wickham, Elinor Wylie, William Butler Yeats, and of course, everyone's favorite: Anonymous. A decade after the sudden and tragic loss of his father, we witness the unfolding of grief. "In the night I brush / my teeth with a razor," he tells us, in one of the collection's piercing two-line poems. Capturing the strange silence of bereavement ("Not the storm / but the calm / that slays me"), Kevin Young acknowledges, even celebrates, life's passages, his loss transformed and tempered in a sequence about the birth of his son: in "Crowning," he delivers what is surely one of the most powerful birth poems written by a man, describing "her face / full of fire, then groaning your face / out like a flower, blood-bloom, / crocused into air." Ending this book of both birth and grief, the gorgeous title sequence brings acceptance, asking "What good/are wishes if they aren't / used up?" while understanding "How to listen / to what's gone." Young's frank music speaks directly to the reader in these elemental poems, reminding us that the right words can both comfort us and enlarge our understanding of life's mysteries. This collection of poems is dedicated to children, in general, but specially to my children and grandchildren. The things I care most in life are family, children, literature, arts and nature, so in my poems I tried to make a mix of all. With this book, I don't expect to make any profit, but to let people know my feelings and sensations toward my observations about the topics I like. This book also is a way for me to leave something eternal to my grandchildren and students. My sincere thanks to those who may read my writings and appreciate my drawings. I hope to provide nice moments during

their reading. My grandson, Calvin, deserves a special honor, for being the first source of my inspiration. My sincere thanks to my husband and family, friends and workmates, who encouraged me to go on with my poems. Also, I would like to thank, in special, my son Augusto for his patient help, suggestions and technical support on the illustrations, and my friend Rosana, who corrected my writing, coaching me with her enthusiasm. Rubene M. C. de Avellar São Carlos, October, 2012. Faye Wedding Vows to Alf 15.10.2011

Alfred my darling I have waited so long for this day to arrive, And as I see you standing here I'm breathless at your sight, The beautiful bright colours that surround you my darling, I never dreamed how wonderful you look. I my darling will always be your friend, your lover, your wife, & your soul mate, I will give you freedom, I will talk to you, never about you in a harsh way, I will listen to what you have to say, and try to understand your every mood, I will laugh with you not at you, I will give you comfort and consoling, When you need them, I will care for you, in every way and protect you, At all times in sickness and in health, for now and Eternity I will love you, With all my love forever more. Baby Dragon Bonding 29.03.2007

Today my beautiful golden queen dragon, Has 20 brown eggs hatching one by one, Eagerly waiting are 60 young men all hoping, They will be bonding with a baby dragon, They are all standing like statues watching, As each egg starts rocking then a baby dragon, Appears looking at each young man in turn, When the baby dragon makes a decision, he will, Slowly waddle over to the one he has chosen, Just standing looking with big brown eyes, Waiting to be patted oh so gently by the one chosen, For the bonding both knowing they were, Excepted and they will be companions, For the rest of their lives, There are some who are disappointed they, Were not chosen but are hopping they, Next time will be lucky and be chosen, By a baby dragon at the next baby dragon, Bonding which is such an honor. A #1 New York Times bestseller Four starred reviews! "Messily human and sincerely insightful." -Kirkus Reviews (starred review) The highly anticipated sequel to the critically acclaimed, multiple award-winning novel Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe is an "emotional roller coaster" (School Library Journal, starred review) sure to captivate fans of Adam Silvera and Mary H.K. Choi. In Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe, two boys in a border town fell in love. Now, they must discover what it means to stay in love and build a relationship in a world that seems to challenge their very existence. Ari has spent all of high school burying who he really is, staying silent and invisible. He expected his senior year to be the same. But something in him cracked open when he fell in love with Dante, and he can't go back. Suddenly he finds himself reaching out to new friends, standing up to bullies of all kinds, and making his voice heard. And, always, there is Dante, dreamy, witty Dante, who can get on Ari's nerves and fill him with desire all at once. The boys are determined to forge a path for themselves in a world that doesn't understand them. But when Ari is faced with a shocking loss, he'll have to fight like never before to create a life that is truthfully, joyfully his own. The Dead Father is a gargantuan half-dead, half-alive, part mechanical, wise, vain, powerful being who still has hopes for himself--even while he is being dragged by means of a cable toward a mysterious goal. In this extraordinary novel, marked by the imaginative use of language that influenced a generation of fiction writers,

Donald Barthelme offered a glimpse into his fictional universe. As Donald Antrim writes in his introduction, "Reading *The Dead Father*, one has the sense that its author enjoys an almost complete artistic freedom . . . a permission to reshape, misrepresent, or even ignore the world as we find it . . . Laughing along with its author, we escape anxiety and feel alive." This book is about the way I feel and are dedicated to my deceased father Micheal Dean Barger, my husband David Miller and my Judge, Barbara Crawford. I hope you enjoy a little bit about my life's poems. Thank you and have a good day. A collection of beautiful poems and letters written throughout the lock-down by Donna Ashworth. Donna is followed daily by women all over the world, on her social media sites and blog. Her words are a source of comfort, inspiration and hope. Donna's work has been published by Amnesty International and voiced by stars of stage and screen. This book is the perfect keepsake for an unprecedented time and will act as a walk down memory lane for years to come. After a life of shattered dreams, abuse, lies and loss, how can a new bride find hope? Her unseen chains grew tighter until God revealed a vision to her walking along the ocean. This vision opened a pathway to awareness into her hurting soul! The secrets in these dark places of her soul were about to be set free! The thought of looking within her soul made her want to retreat to a life of living in her own little world, where running away from her shattered dreams seemed safer. Walking along the ocean, her tears began transforming light into these dark areas of pain. In this book, follow along as the author shares her journey from being bound in chains of abuse, lies and loss to discovering an awareness that even shattered dreams can give a voice to hope. Her first response was to keep the secrets of her hurts in the dark place of her soul, but God created a bridge to a path of deeper awareness to explore these chains and unbreak them one by one. Through prayer, journaling and growing a deeper relationship with God she began to discover an awareness of the tears of her pain being transformed into the wonderment of wisdom! Readers will hopefully discover an awareness of how to turn their own shattered dreams or hurt into a bridge toward the pathway of peace. And, hopefully through the transforming power of God's gift of discovery, the reader will also dance like the birds, over the ocean, even during times of broken wings. Where Was Daddy When You Needed Him? The absence of fathers is an epidemic plaguing our society, affecting families from every corner of our world and from all walks of life. Whether our fathers left us entirely during our childhood or were physically present but emotionally distant, those who missed out on an affirming, intimate father-love continue to experience the devastating consequences of that loss. • Are you angry at the world and don't know why? • Do you inadvertently sabotage relationships or smother those closest to you? • Do you rarely take risks or step out on faith? • Is there an undercurrent of anxiety in most tasks you perform? • Do you struggle to connect with God? • Do you have little or no self-confidence-or minimal self-worth? For women who answer yes to these questions, the common denominator is often an absent father. Far too many daughters have been stripped of a healthy relationship with their earthly dad. But real healing is within your reach. Discover how the absence of your father has impacted your entire life-your attitude, your actions, your beliefs, your decisions, and your identity-and learn how you can stop resulting negative behaviors, beak free,

and experience a confidence-building, empowering love that will heal your hurts and fulfill your deepest longings. *Poems In The Key Of Life: Glimpses From The Underbelly* is a raw, grab life by the horns, tell it like it is look at life through the eyes of a reformed faker. The author, who found freedom after being in bondage to heroin for twenty-five years shares a unique perspective of life through poetry. Ordinary everyday life events viewed through the eyes of a wolf in sheep's clothing. Poetry that may be hard to swallow for some, but is the every day manna for many. *Glimpses From The Underbelly* gives the reader a penetrating, yet safe, glance, through poetry, at a parallel existence growing right below the surface of our societal norm. *MISSING YOU* is the debut collection of haiku, senryu, tanka and haibun by Willie R. Bongcaron, a proficient haiku poet from the Philippines who is published widely. These poems mostly, if not all, follow the free modern haiku/senryu form; and not following the traditional 5-7-5 format. The author strives to capture in short poetic bursts or haiku moments special events in his life; with the end view of inspiring in the reader the drive to weave a story or stories all the latter's own based on the author's prodding. Intended for all lovers of Japanese short poetry forms in the world, this labor of love offers glimpses of life's intricacies, mundane or otherwise. From one of our region's better-known poets, a meditation on the meaning of a father's life and death. Collecting memories is inevitable. As human beings, each one of us goes through life experiencing events, feelings, and sometimes tragedies. Some of the poems in this collection express the emotion felt at such times by the author. Some pieces convey whimsy and fun, whereas others travel to mundane places, such as garage sales, childhood memories, scary nights, and days gone by. Altogether this collection offers the reader time to unwind and enjoy. A dazzling debut collection of raw and explosive poems about growing up in a sexist, sensationalized world, from a thrilling new feminist voice. *i'm a good girl, bad girl, dream girl, sad girl* girl next door sunbathing in the driveway i wanna be them all at once, i wanna be all the girls I've ever loved -from "Girl" Lauded for the power of her writing and having attracted an online fan base of millions for her extraordinary spoken-word performances, Olivia Gatwood now weaves together her own coming-of-age with an investigation into our culture's romanticization of violence against women. At times blistering and riotous, at times soulful and exuberant, *Life of the Party* explores the boundary between what is real and what is imagined in a life saturated with fear. Gatwood asks, How does a girl grow into a woman in a world racked by violence? Where is the line between perpetrator and victim? In precise, searing language, she illustrates how what happens to our bodies can make us who we are. *Praise for Life of the Party*

"Delicately devastating, this book will make us all 'feel less alone in the dark.'" -Miel Bredouw, writer and comedian, *Punch Up the Jam*

"Gatwood writes about the women who were forgotten and the men who got off too easy with an effortlessness and empathy and anger that yanked every emotion on the spectrum out of me. Imagine, we get to live in the age of Olivia Gatwood. Goddamn." -Jamie Loftus, writer and comedian, *Boss Whom Is Girl and The Bechdel Cast*

"I've read every poem in *Life of the Party*. I've read each of them more than once. In some parts of the book the spine is already breaking because I've spent so much time poring over it and losing hours in this

world Olivia Gatwood has partly created, but partly just invited the reader to enter on their own, caution signs be damned. This book is enlightening, inspiring, igniting, and f\*\*\*ing scary. I loved every word on every page with a ferocity that frightened me.”—Madeline Brewer, actress, *The Handmaid’s Tale*, *Orange Is the New Black*, and Cam Jacqueline Woodson's National Book Award and Newbery Honor winner is a powerful memoir that tells the moving story of her childhood in mesmerizing verse. A President Obama "O" Book Club pick *Raised in South Carolina and New York*, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement. Touching and powerful, each poem is both accessible and emotionally charged, each line a glimpse into a child’s soul as she searches for her place in the world. Woodson’s eloquent poetry also reflects the joy of finding her voice through writing stories, despite the fact that she struggled with reading as a child. Her love of stories inspired her and stayed with her, creating the first sparks of the gifted writer she was to become. Includes 7 additional poems, including "Brown Girl Dreaming." Praise for Jacqueline Woodson: "Ms. Woodson writes with a sure understanding of the thoughts of young people, offering a poetic, eloquent narrative that is not simply a story . . . but a mature exploration of grown-up issues and self-discovery."—The New York Times Book Review Every morning, I play a game with my father. He goes knock knock on my door and I pretend to be asleep till he gets right next to the bed. And my papa, he tells me, "I love you." But what happens when, one day, that "knock knock" doesn't come? This powerful and inspiring book shows the love that an absent parent can leave behind, and the strength that children find in themselves as they grow up and follow their dreams. This series, *The Poet and the Professor. Poems for Building Reading Skills*, brings poetry into a whole new light for students in grades 1–8. Each book includes playful, original content that will engage both reluctant and skilled readers. The easy-to-use, standards-based lessons and purposeful activity pages address key literacy skills. Each book includes an Audio CD of the poems that can be used to support fluency and comprehension. Also included is an interactive whiteboard-compatible Resource CD that can be used to further support literacy skills. "An intense snapshot of the chain reaction caused by pulling a trigger." —Booklist (starred review) "Astonishing." —Kirkus Reviews (starred review) "A tour de force." —Publishers Weekly (starred review) A Newbery Honor Book A Coretta Scott King Honor Book A Printz Honor Book A Time Best YA Book of All Time (2021) A Los Angeles Times Book Prize Winner for Young Adult Literature Longlisted for the National Book Award for Young People’s Literature Winner of the Walter Dean Myers Award An Edgar Award Winner for Best Young Adult Fiction Parents’ Choice Gold Award Winner An Entertainment Weekly Best YA Book of 2017 A Vulture Best YA Book of 2017 A Buzzfeed Best YA Book of 2017 An ode to Put the Damn Guns Down, this is New York Times bestselling author Jason Reynolds’s electrifying novel that takes place in sixty potent seconds—the time it takes a kid to decide whether or not he’s going to murder the guy who killed his brother. A cannon. A strap. A piece. A biscuit. A burner. A heater. A chopper. A gat. A hammer A tool for RULE Or, you can call it a gun. That’s what fifteen-year-old Will has shoved in the back waistband of his jeans.



See, his brother Shawn was just murdered. And Will knows the rules. No crying. No snitching. Revenge. That's where Will's now heading, with that gun shoved in the back waistband of his jeans, the gun that was his brother's gun. He gets on the elevator, seventh floor, stoked. He knows who he's after. Or does he? As the elevator stops on the sixth floor, on comes Buck. Buck, Will finds out, is who gave Shawn the gun before Will took the gun. Buck tells Will to check that the gun is even loaded. And that's when Will sees that one bullet is missing. And the only one who could have fired Shawn's gun was Shawn. Huh. Will didn't know that Shawn had ever actually USED his gun. Bigger huh. BUCK IS DEAD. But Buck's in the elevator? Just as Will's trying to think this through, the door to the next floor opens. A teenage girl gets on, waves away the smoke from Dead Buck's cigarette. Will doesn't know her, but she knew him. Knew. When they were eight. And stray bullets had cut through the playground, and Will had tried to cover her, but she was hit anyway, and so what she wants to know, on that fifth floor elevator stop, is, what if Will, Will with the gun shoved in the back waistband of his jeans, MISSES. And so it goes, the whole long way down, as the elevator stops on each floor, and at each stop someone connected to his brother gets on to give Will a piece to a bigger story than the one he thinks he knows. A story that might never know an END...if Will gets off that elevator. Told in short, fierce staccato narrative verse, Long Way Down is a fast and furious, dazzlingly brilliant look at teenage gun violence, as could only be told by Jason Reynolds. American Girl: Poems For a Daughter From Her Father is a personal collection of poetry written for the daughter of writer Christopher L. Jones. Written over the course of the first eight years of his daughter's life, the poetry contained in this book is a testament to the joy, love and purpose that a child, particularly a female child, can bring to a father's life. Christopher L. Jones is an author, poet and artist living in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. Originally born in Tucson, Arizona he later attended New Mexico State University and has contributed to his local arts communities in various capacities for over twenty five years. Usually known for his risque style and adult themes, the author here presents a more tender and emotive side of his writing. His other books of poetry and his novel, Waterboarded can be found at various online retailers. The book is divided into four chapters, and each chapter serves a different purpose. Deals with a different pain. Heals a different heartache. Milk and Honey takes readers through a journey of the most bitter moments in life and finds sweetness in them because there is sweetness everywhere if you are just willing to look. Poems that take the poet and the reader home, to a point of greater understanding of the past and comfort with the future. An award-winning novel in verse about a boy who navigates the start of seventh grade and life growing up on the border the only way that feels right-through poetry. They call him Güero because of his red hair, pale skin, and freckles. Sometimes people only go off of what they see. Like the Mexican boxer Canelo Álvarez, twelve-year-old Güero is puro mexicano. He feels at home on both sides of the river, speaking Spanish or English. Güero is also a reader, gamer, and musician who runs with a squad of misfits called Los Bobbys. Together, they joke around and talk about their expanding world, which now includes girls. (Don't cross Joanna-she's tough as nails.) Güero faces the start of seventh grade with heart and smarts, his family's

traditions, and his trusty accordion. And when life gets tough for this Mexican American border kid, he knows what to do: He writes poetry. Honoring multiple poetic traditions, *They Call Me Güero* is a classic in the making and the recipient of a Pura Belpré Honor, a Tomás Rivera Mexican American Children's Book Award, a Claudia Lewis Award for Excellence in Poetry, and a Walter Dean Myers Honor. Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama. Co-authored by fluency expert, Timothy Rasinski, this resource aids in teaching literacy skills through poetry with word study activities based on poems that develop phonics, phonemic awareness, vocabulary, and spelling skills. Note: The Proceeds of this book will be forwarded to Children's Charities My Son Carl tragically lost his life in a fatal car accident. As you can expect, I had trouble coming to terms with this. I was in shock for a very long time and was just existing from day to day. Everyday was an uphill struggle, it was like climbing a huge mountain. I was a physical and emotional wreck and my life will never be the same again. Through all the heartache, I decided to write a poem about Carl, then many other poems followed, which then developed into my book. The book is all about my own personal grieving experience, by expressing all my feelings through poetry. It's the emotional journey, that I have gone through, after losing my Son. The painful loss, deep sadness, my love for him and how my life has changed, now he sadly is no longer a part of it There are countless numbers of parents, who have lost a child. Whether they were a baby, small child, teenager or of adult age. The painful loss that you experience is still the same no matter what age your child was. The poems in my book may help, by offering some comfort, by sharing my feelings and emotions with you. As I'm sure that what I have experienced through losing Carl, will undoubtedly be similar to what your experiencing through your sad loss. I truly hope my book will help you in some small way. Everyday were bombarded with news.. With problems.. With life.. Its hard to escape it, but we find a way to do so anyways.. We try and escape our lives.. And we drown ourselves in the world around us.. We drown ourselves in the news.. In celebrity gossip.. In movies.. Books.. Television.. And music.. We often find ourselves relating to the words of a song.. How the lyrics fit our life story.. How that song was written just for us.. And we drown ourselves in that fantasy world.. We drown in other peoples problems and also our own.. But never think of how to fix them, and finally escape So for those who never had a father.. Or for those who never had a parent.. For those who got their hearts broken.. For those that sacrificed a great love.. For those who fell hard for the wrong person.. For those trying to deal with and get over a tragic heartbreak.. For those trying to figure themselves out.. For just everyday problems and worries.. Drown like I did in having to deal with them and cope with them.. But at the end of the day learn how to move on from them.. And never look back again.. So for now, drown yourself in your thoughts and mine.. Relate your life to mine.. Your problems and mine.. Worry about them.. Deal with them.. Figure those feelings out.. Figure out how to make things better for yourself.. Let all that anger out.. Let that hate and sadness fall out.. Let those hidden feelings come out.. Drown yourself in all of that for now.. But in the end, get that strength to find your own way to save yourself.. And no longer drown.. And to finally

move on, and finally get out *Across Cultures/Across Borders* is a collection of new critical essays, interviews, and other writings by twenty-five established and emerging Canadian Aboriginal and Native American scholars and creative writers across Turtle Island. Together, these original works illustrate diverse but interconnecting knowledges and offer powerfully relevant observations on Native literature and culture. First Published in 2000. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company. This is a falling upward. A paperback love letter to the infinities inside you. A poetic journey into that oblivion. Lightning provides: 32 books with 3 levels of differentiation per book; whole texts that provide NLS genre coverage; linked themes across fiction, non-fiction and the wider curriculum; focussed teaching support for each book including comprehension and writing activities; and a teaching and practice CD that provides opportunities for ICT. Acclaimed author Karen Hesse's Newbery Medal-winning novel-in-verse explores the life of fourteen-year-old Billie Jo growing up in the dust bowls of Oklahoma.

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