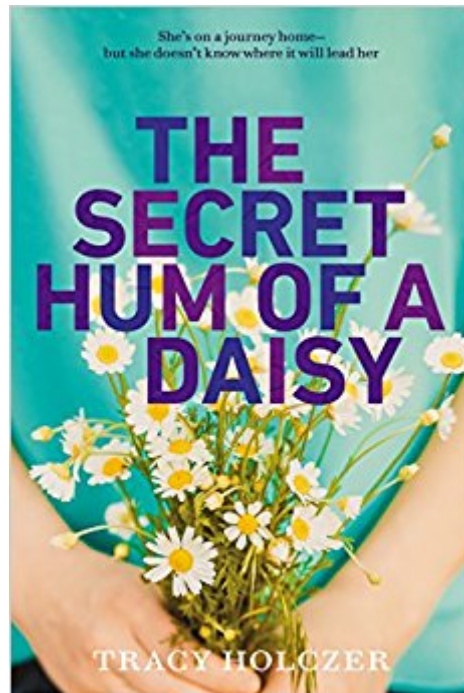




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# The Secret Hum Of A Daisy



## Synopsis

Twelve-year-old Grace and her mother have always been their own family, traveling from place to place like gypsies. But Grace wants to finally have a home all their own. Just when she thinks she's found it her mother says it's time to move again. Grace summons the courage to tell her mother how she really feels and will always regret that her last words to her were angry ones. After her mother's sudden death, Grace is forced to live with a grandmother she's never met. She can't imagine her mother would want her to stay with this stranger. Then Grace finds clues in a mysterious treasure hunt, just like the ones her mother used to send her on. Maybe it is her mother, showing her the way to her true home. Lyrical, poignant and fresh, *The Secret Hum of a Daisy* is a beautifully told middle grade tale with a great deal of heart.

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 6 Holczer writes about the common theme of loss, but creates quite an uncommon character who must deal with the sudden death of her mother, and moving in with a grandmother she has never met. Grace's mother leads them on a nomadic life of moving from one place to another, always searching for just the right home, until her untimely death. Grace must then find a way to get to know and forgive her grandmother who has always been a stranger in her life.

She soon discovers that her mother has left her one more treasure hunt. The clues take her deep inside her family's past and unlock memories that finally give her the stability and roots she has always been craving. Holczer expertly crafts the characters and dialogue to create a story readers will identify with, and thoroughly enjoy. The undercurrent theme of loss is balanced well with humor and an authentic protagonist. More than simply a book about grief and the death of a parent, Grace's story is about the search for identity. An essential purchase for middle-grade collections. —April Sanders, Spring Hill College, Mobile, AL --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

\* "A lovely and captivating debut . . . nuanced characters engage from beginning to end."--Publishers Weekly, starred review\* "Holczer expertly crafts the characters and dialogue to create a story readers will identify with, and thoroughly enjoy."--School Library Journal, starred review"Grace's surprising discoveries about herself, her family, her friends, and her struggles with sorrow and forgiveness, are engrossing."--Kirkus Reviews"Tracy Holczer's story is a lyric about love and loss and not being able to find your future until you've uncovered your past."--Newbery winning author Richard Peck"Grace's story will steal your heart as she travels toward friendship, love and a place to belong."--Newbery Honor winning author Patricia Reilly Giff"A lovely story of longing for closeness, and learning about what it means to be family. Poetic and tender."--Newbery Honor winning author Margarita Engle —various

Lovely story of finding yourself, truth, friends and passion. Also story of growing up and making your own judgments that might be different from those you love deeply.

Excellence!

This is a beautifully written book by Tracy Holczer. The main character, Grace, has lost her mother, and throughout the book she wrestles with feelings of loss, grief, anger, forgiveness and love. Very relatable characters and story line. You can find yourself connecting to the characters. You understand them even when you know they are wrong.

The writing itself is crushingly beautiful. But it's the compelling characters and the unique story that make this one of those books you can't put down. Loved it!

This was a gift.

Wonderful plot!

Not a teen, but LOVED this book! Beautiful story, so well written and a pleasure to read.

The Secret Hum of a Daisy by Tracy Holczer is about a girl named Grace who has to move in with her Grandmother when her Mom dies. Grace and her Mom has never stayed in the same place for more than a couple of months, but when they do find a place that Grace starts to call home her mom wants to leave. Grace tells her that she wants to stay, but when Grace wakes up the next day she finds her Mom dead. Grace does not want to move in with her Grandmother because Grace hates her Grandmother, she thinks that if she loves her Grandmother then she will be betraying her Mom. This book is about Graces struggle with figuring out how to let her Mom go, and how to hold on to her. This book was good, but it was frustrating at times. It was a little frustrating because the reader could see that the answer was right in front of her. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants to understand how to let go, and hold on to someone who you loved.

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