

Book Review

Where's grandma gone? Joan Thurgar

This beautifully crafted book offers a gentle, insightful exploration of dementia, capturing both the emotional complexity and the quiet moments of connection that accompany the condition. Richly and thoughtfully illustrated, it provides an accessible way for readers of all ages to understand what a loved one may be experiencing.

Helen, our Family Liaison Officer, who recommends the book wholeheartedly, finds it equally suited to children and adults. Whether shared within a family or used by professionals, the story opens a compassionate space for discussion, understanding, and empathy.

She describes the book as both personally moving and professionally enriching. Its length is perfectly judged—long enough to develop warmth and meaning, yet concise enough to maintain the attention of younger readers. Sprinkled throughout are moments that bring a smile, offering comfort and lightness amidst its sensitive subject matter.

What struck Helen most was the story's profound warmth, love, and compassion. This is a book that doesn't shy away from the realities of dementia, yet approaches them with tenderness. It is a valuable and uplifting addition to any home, school, or professional library.

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"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr Seuss