

# LIPLAP'S WISH

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THIS IS A GENTLE STORY ABOUT THE LONGING OF LIPLAP FOR THE GRANDMA THAT HAS RECENTLY DIED. BOTH THE BLEAKNESS AND BRIGHTNESS FOR WINTER SET THE TONE FOR THE YOUNG RABBIT'S EXPERIENCE OF LOSS, GRIEF, AND CREATING MEMORIES. ON THIS DAY, HE BUILDS HIS SNOW-BUNNY...FACELESS. WITHOUT GRANDMA THERE, GRIEF OVERWHELMS HIM, DULLING THE DESIRE TO EAT AND PLAY. LIPLAP IS ABLE TO ACCEPT HIS MOTHER'S SOOTHING TOUCHES AND SONG. FINALLY, HE ADDS THE SNOW-BUNNY'S FROWNING FACE AND RETREATS INSIDE. MOTHER RABBIT DECIDES TO SHARE THE OLD RABBIT'S TALE ABOUT WHEN THE FIRST RABBITS DIED AND BECAME STARS IN THE SKY. IT BRINGS LIPLAP TO THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE MANY REMINDERS OF GRANDMA WILL KEEP HER ALWAYS IN HIS HEART. THE NEXT MORNING THE SNOWMAN'S FROWNING FACE HAS MELTED AWAY. LIPLAP PRETENDS TO FEED THE SNOWMAN A CARROT, COMMENTING THAT HE TOO IS NOW HUNGRY. THE BOOK IS BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED AND SIMPLY TOLD. LIPLAP'S WISH CAN HELP THE VERY YOUNG FIND COMFORT AND REASSURANCE IN THE MIDST OF SADNESS AND LOSS.

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