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***The Tear: A Children's Story of Transformation and Hope When a Loved One Dies***

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*"You know, Joey, when we die we can go up the rainbow bridge back to heaven."*

*"You mean like we come down the rainbow bridge when we are born?" said Joey.*

*Grandmother's eyes twinkled. "Oh, yes, the golden sun lights a rainbow path so we can go back home to our star."*

Nancy Jewel Poer offers a rare gift to children and adults in this stunning picture book. Often we are at a loss in helping a child come to terms with the death of a loved one. This book provides a true spiritual picture of death that can guide a child towards a profound understanding that is developmentally digestible. The sadness that comes with such an event is not overlooked in this story but finds transformation through images that bring hope and a continuing trust in life.

The love that is shared between a Joey and his grandmother is described and the many things they loved to do together. The wonderful times from picnics and festivals to sleeping under the stars beside one another bring a picture of joy and the fullness of life as the boy and his grandmother say to one another after



each event, "Now wasn't that a beautiful time!"

When grandmother's life is over on the earth, the sad and lonely feelings find solace in the special journey that Joey's tears create as

a path to growth and new discovery.

This is a book that should live in every Waldorf kindergarten classroom. The teacher can take it out when a child in the class experiences the loss of a loved one. This story provides a living picture that brings solace for the child and his or her family. It also plants a seed of gratitude in the heart for all that the loved one has given that can grow and blossom into the future.

Nancy Jewel Poer is the mother of six and grandmother of seventeen. Her teaching career spans nearly forty years. She is an author and artist and her work celebrates the beauty and spirit in all of life. Nancy is known nationwide for her warm and lively lectures on parenting, child development, Waldorf education, women's issues and the spiritual American and threshold work. Her recent documentary on conscious transition has won two national film awards.

—Review by Laurie Clark