

Through the Forest

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This comforting metaphorical picture book starts after a tough childhood event and emphasizes its meanings via sparse, affecting illustrations. In it, a lost boy encounters Emptiness, who is spectral and sad; the two decide to assist each other. The boy finds pieces of his past as they travel, and shares the happy memories that they evoke with Emptiness; when the bits are too big for him to carry himself, Emptiness assists, until his spaces aren't so empty anymore.

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