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After

By Francis Chalifour

Tundra Books, Canada, 2011. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 188 x 129 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Nominated for the Governor General's Literary Awards 2005, (Children's Literature, Text) Fifteen-year-old Francis's father has committed suicide and nothing will be the same again. Suicide is ugly, unglamorous, and it is never a solution. Its aftermath is dreadful. At first, Francis feels a terrible guilt. Could he have been a better son? What if he hadn t left his home in Montreal to go on a brief holiday in New York the weekend it happened? Soon the guilt turns to anger and then to a sadness so profound that he thinks he can t bear it. After is the map of a year following the suicide of a family member. In the course of months, with the love of his mother, with counseling, and with the balm of time, Francis takes his first steps toward coming to terms with his father s and his family s tragedy. After is intensely personal, but it will resonate with anyone who has faced the loss of a loved one. This brilliant autobiographical first novel is an acute analysis of the grieving process....



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