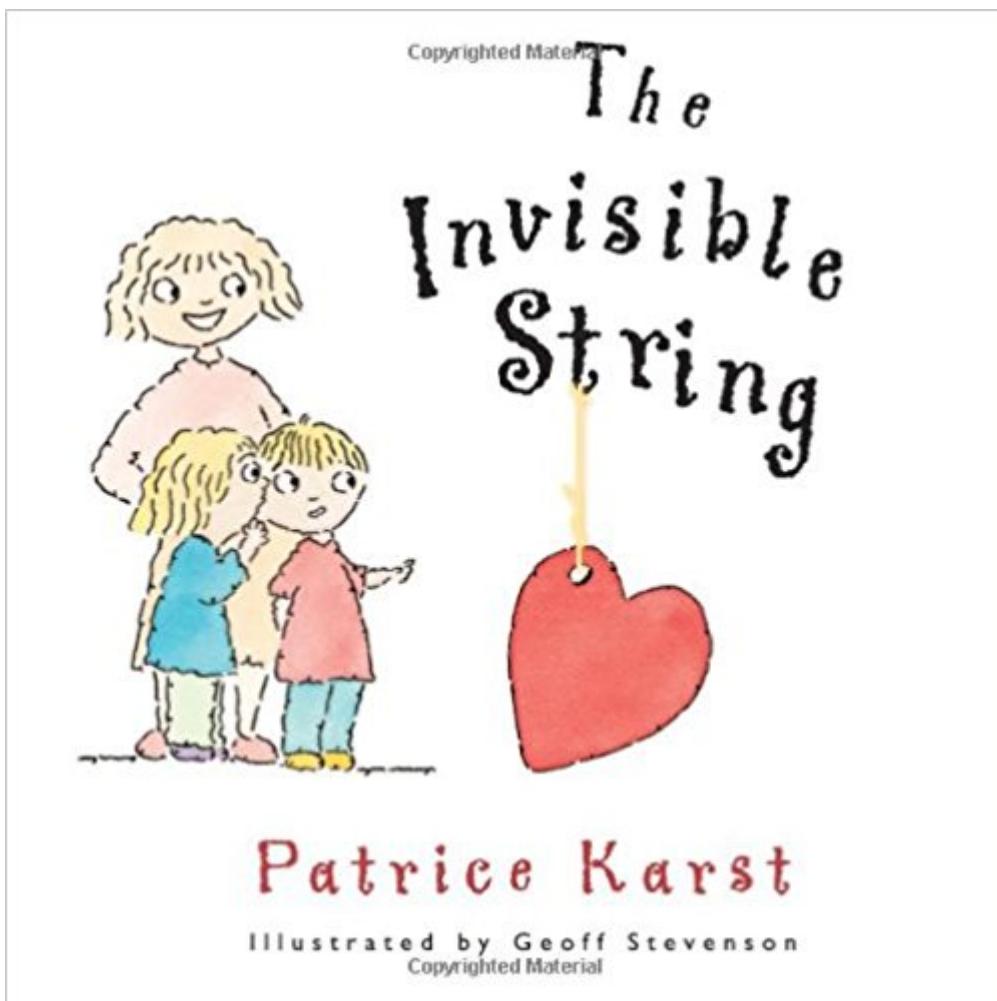


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# The Invisible String



## Synopsis

For Adults too! A steady best-seller and The Invisible String is reaching all over the World! OVER 200,000 copies sold! "That's impossible", said twins Jeremy & Liza after their Mom told them they're all connected by this thing called an Invisible String. "What kind of string"? They asked with a puzzled look to which Mom replied, "An Invisible String made of love." That's where the story begins. A story that teaches of the tie that really binds. The Invisible String reaches from heart to heart. Does everybody have an Invisible String? How far does it reach, anyway? Does it ever go away? Read all about it! THE INVISIBLE STRING is a very simple approach to overcoming the fear of loneliness or separation with an imaginative flair that children can easily identify with and remember. Here is a warm and delightful lesson teaching young and old that we aren't ever really alone and reminding children (and adults!) that when we are loved beyond anything we can imagine. "People who love each other are always connected by a very special String, made of love. Even though you can't see it with your eyes, you can feel it deep in your heart, and know that you are always connected to the ones you love." Thus begins this heart-warming and reassuring story that addresses the issue of "separation anxiety" (otherwise known as the sense of existential 'aloneness') to children of all ages. Specifically written to address children's fear of being apart from the ones they love, The Invisible String delivers a particularly compelling message in today's uncertain times that though we may be separated from the ones we care for, whether through anger, or distance or even death, love is the unending connection that binds us all, and, by extension, ultimately binds every person on the planet to everyone else. Parents and children everywhere who are looking for reassurance and reaffirmation of the transcendent power of love, to bind, connect and comfort us through those inevitable times when life challenges us! Let's tell the whole world that we are ALL connected by Invisible Strings! Adopted by Military Library Services & Foster Care Agencies Recommended by Bereavement Support Groups and Hospice Centers

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## Customer Reviews

The Invisible String by Patrice Karst is a heartwarming story that reassures children that even though they can't always be with a loved one, they're always in each other's hearts. Whenever a child thinks about a family member, THE INVISIBLE STRING gives a tug. This book is an excellent way to begin the conversation about death. The gentle story illustrates that we are still connected by love even after someone passes. --Parents Magazine The Invisible String is part of my social skills/feelings book purchases. This is a story about how twins realize there is an invisible string connecting all people who love one another | you can feel it in your heart and always be connected, even from afar. Beautiful. Delicate. Perfect for: dealing with loss, moving, friendship issues, family problems, nighttime fears | Quite the special book. --The Styling Librarian If I could only have one book to use for counseling purposes, this would be it. This book is extremely versatile. It can be used for any type of separation, loss. The premise of the book is that we are all connected by an invisible string. Even though it is invisible, you can feel it with your heart. Everyone has an invisible string, and it can reach anywhere, even heaven. The book's message is that no one is ever alone, even when their loved one is not physically present. --United Way-Life Lessons for Little Ones THE INVISIBLE STRING teaches kids how to deal with missing a parent by understanding that they are still connected to their parent via an invisible string. While not geared solely to military families, this touching book can help young children feel connected with deployed parents or other family members that are far away. ----Military Family.Org Separation is a serious issue, both for parents and their children. This is the main reason why The Invisible String (by Patrice Karst) has made its way to the third spot on the list of Top 10 Books for 3 year olds. It can also be a tale on how to deal with loss - specifically the death of someone a child loved, or the overall anxiety and fear that comes from the thought of being separated from a person that is an integral part of a child's life. However, this book isn't just a creative comfort for children - it's also an

important tale for anyone who has ever had difficulty dealing with loss or separation. The story begins with a mother telling her twins that an 'invisible string' connects to all the hearts of people. This string cannot be cut, torn, or broken in any way - even after death. Instead, it acts as a conductor of love between the people who care about each other. This string also cannot be seen with the eyes, but it can be felt with the heart - sending the message to readers that they are never truly alone, and will never be forgotten or abandoned by those who their invisible string is connected to. The Invisible String is self-explanatory; it's a must-have for the bookshelves of anyone who enjoys reading a tale with a positive moral and practiced life lesson. The string can be the comfort children need to get over a divorce, a death, a loss of any kind - but it can also be the one thing that makes an adult feel better about the same situations. Instead of feeling disconnected due to travel, heartbreak, or physical loss, people who "feel" their invisible string are likely to experience a better understanding and firmer grasp on their emotions and the situation they're dealing with. -- --Best Reading for Kids --Best Reading for Kids

Hi everyone, This is Patrice Karst, the author of The Invisible String. What began as a way of comforting my own son Elijah when he was sad that I was going to work and he was going to pre-school, became my book The Invisible String. Children of all ages (And yes! Adults too!) feel a great sense of peace and joy realizing that we are all connected to the ones that we love... (pets, friends, grandparents, cousins etc... and especially those that have passed on)...through the Invisible String. A string that can never be lost, cut , or torn. A string that can reach all the way to the moon or down to the ocean floor. A string that even anger, time, or bad feelings can never make go away. No-one is too young or too old to remember that we are never, really all alone. God Bless you all and never forget about The String. Bye for now, may your strings soar far and wide... and let's spread the word!!! Love, Patrice

I was actually disappointed in this book after a few years of people recommending it. I had hoped to add it to my collection of grief books for children and have it blow me away because I kept hearing such great things about it. Some things are great about it, but if I had flipped through it in a store, I don't think I would have bought it. It's incredibly important to me that children's feelings are acknowledged, allowed, and assured that their feelings are normal, healthy to express, and that we value their rights to feel them. It's also important to me that children know they have an adult in their life that they can go to for help, to feel safe, that can handle their big emotions, and just to be there for them if they need them. The first pages of this book immediately belittle, ignore, and tell the kids

it's not OK to feel scared during a thunderstorm (it's just a thunderstorm, it's nothing to be scared of - um, I'm mid 30's and thunder still scares me!) and that they shouldn't go to their mom when they're scared, instead relying on this invisible string connection. I would have loved to see the mom acknowledge their feelings as acceptable and introduced the invisible string as a way to help them when they truly can't get to her as a reminder that they're connected always, even when they can't be together. Instead, it came across as not wanting them to come to her for something as silly as fear of thunder. It was just disappointing and made me feel sad for the kids. If you want that invisible connection when you aren't there, you gotta work on the actual connection first! In case anyone is curious, there is a mention of an uncle that died and is in heaven, so keep that in mind. I was surprised by that only because people consistently told me the book isn't about grief/connection to the dead. I actually took so long to buy it because it wasn't a book for grief around a death and those are the types of books I need. But I did buy this book to help a 7 year old with the murder of her previous kindergarten teacher. I loved the idea of this to help her deal with this horrific death and help her sweet little heart heal a little, but I would hate for her to get the idea that fears or other feelings shouldn't be expressed or that she shouldn't seek out help from trusted adults so I haven't let her borrow it yet. Darn those pesky few beginning pages!!!! If those weren't in it, I would like this book a lot more. The sentiment is absolutely beautiful, but the delivery was unfortunately not so great.

This book is endearing, lovingly written and a great resource for those missing someone special. I co-run a grief camp for children ages 7-15 and we incorporated this book thematically into all 3 days of our camp. The campers understand the connection they have with their loved ones and reading this book with them helps them feel like they are not alone. Thank you Patrice for helping so many kids through your writing! I would recommend this book to help children better understand that connections can be invisible and present.

Recommended by a grief counselor. A nice simple message that may be helpful. Not too excited about heaven being mentioned, but that's my value system. Other than that a good book that touches on losing pets, family, etc.

I am a grief counselor at a local hospice and love this book. I will be using this book at our upcoming children's grief camp. Our camp started off for children who lost a loved one to death. However, we came to learn that our community has a need for support to children who have had any type of loss

(i.e, divorce, separation, deployment for military, etc...). So we plan to use this story to help children who are dealing with loss and/or separation. This story truly touched my heart and I believe it will truly speak to these children and their parents/guardians. We will be guiding the children in making their own 'invisible' bracelet with heart beads. It is a simple craft but will have a powerful impact on the children. I love the story base that you are never alone... Your heart is connected to your loved ones hearts by an invisible string. This story is versatile enough that it can be a comfort to all types of memories.

With its single metaphor and mention of "heaven," this did not help to demystify aging and death. We found other books with direct language more helpful.

A cute book with a strong message about how powerful love is. Great for families that are separated for a time (military families, blended families, foster families, etc.).

Such a nice story and perfect concept for 4 year old whose parents have separated/considering divorce. Well packaged and arrived in perfect condition.

I bought this book for my 6 year old godson whose favorite Aunt committed suicide. He understood that she was deceased but cried every night about never seeing her again. His mother read this book to him and he now talks about the "invisible string" to Aunt Jan. And every time he misses his Aunt Jan, he goes to his row of books and asks his mother to read the book to him again - his mother has even given him a piece of colored string in the form of a woven bracelet so all he has to do is touch it and know that Aunt Jan is near by and he can "talk" to her. The book does an excellent job of explaining death and giving children a way to know that the person who is no longer here will always be with them and a part of their life - connected by the ever invisible string. I highly recommend this book!!!!

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