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Dicey's Song (The Tillerman Cycle Book 2)



Synopsis

The Newbery-winning novel in Cynthia Voigt's timeless Tillerman cycle. When Momma abandoned Dicey Tillerman and her three siblings in a mall parking lot and was later traced to an asylum where she lay unrecognizing, unknowing, she left her four children no choice but to get on by themselves. They set off alone on foot over hundreds of miles until they finally found someone to take them in. Gram's rundown farm isn't perfect, but they can stay together as a family—which is all Dicey really wanted. But after watching over the others for so long, it's hard for Dicey to know what to do now. Her own identity has been so wrapped up in being the caretaker, navigator, penny counter, and decision maker that she's not sure how to let go of some responsibilities while still keeping a sense of herself. But when the past comes back with devastating force, Dicey sees just how necessary—and painful—letting go can be.

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Customer Reviews

I'm a grandmother of 5 and a former teacher, and this is one of my favorite books. Dicey is an admirable character. It is so annoying to keep running into the same precocious, smart-mouthed, self-involved characters in children's books and on TV. In contrast, Dicey is responsible, determined and a great role model for kids. I suggest you start your reader with Homecoming, because this is the sequel. Homecoming can get a little slow, so you might want to read aloud some of it or just read it too to keep them interested, because it's a bit long and slow in parts. But most kids (even some boys) fly through Dicey's story. My oldest granddaughter is really enjoying it and almost finished. I gave it to her for Christmas. She's ten and it's hard to keep her in books. Most kids would read this at around 12. You can get a lot of information about the watermen of the Eastern Shore to help bring it alive. Google skipjacks and Tilghman's Island for local color. For Homecoming, you could have your child trace on a map their progress. Terrific book, and there are more in the series.

This book series should be required reading for all jr high schools. She is an excellent author and I feel like every character came alive as I read the book.

This is a beautiful and powerful book. The writing is very fine, but the depth of what is going on is beyond that. The last portion of the book deals with characters dealing with death, but with no schmaltz whatsoever. It resonates at a very high level. The first book in the series has an adventure thing running through it. This does not. It is a psychological novel for young people, powerful, but without melodrama. If your kids are readers at all, they deserve to have a chance to experience this.

Read these books in junior high and reading again as a 40 something mom of three. How different was the world then? When kids could enter a store alone or ride their bikes minus helicopter parents: without someone questioning whether or not Child Protective Services should be notified. I grew up in New England and am now living at the top of the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland and am amazed how well this author embraces the differences between the two and the gifts to be found in both places. Timeless story of coming of age.

The Tillerman's continue their journey along life's tenuous and winding path, where the wiry threads of love hold everything and everyone together.

Great story!

The Homecoming and Dicey's Song were the most interesting and I would recommend them to any young adult reader - I read the entire series long ago and re-reading the first two again was just as interesting

Very nice book with a great ending. The characters were all very developed throughout the duration of the book. Fantastic!

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