

Tilly

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In *Tilly* author Jane Godwin and Illustrator Anna Walker invite us to look in on the life of the gentle and thoughtful title character. Tilly lives quietly amidst the noise of a loving, but boisterous family. Existing in the spaces between the passing legs of older family members, Tilly collects small treasures to keep her company while she creates her art and dreams.

But then something that can't be undone happens and Tilly's treasures are lost to her. Little Tilly is left trying to come to terms with the loss of her secret treasures, the importance of which she cannot quite find the words for to explain to her family. We are with Tilly as she processes her loss in her quiet thoughtful way and gradually finds new things to bring her joy, while preserving the memory of her first special treasures. *Tilly* would be a beautiful book to share with a child who is thoughtful and resourceful but needs time to process change.