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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Grade 9 Up—In diary form, with minimal free verse, Fullerton tells the story of a young man's struggle to cope with his mother's suicide attempt, which has left her on life support. The framework is that he is writing a journal for the therapist he is seeing. From the beginning, teens will be drawn into the unnamed narrator's turmoil and experience the roller coaster of emotions—guilt, anger, love, anxiety—right along with him. Fullerton deals with the very challenging topic of euthanasia in a sensitive and respectful manner. She elicits empathy for the teen coming to grips with a father overwhelmed by the situation and slowly taking responsibility for his own actions. This is a quick yet powerful read with an authentic teen voice.

Recommend books written by Sonya Sones, such as *Stop Pretending: What Happened When My Big Sister Went Crazy* (HarperCollins, 1999), to readers who ask for more.—*Sheilah Kosco, Bastrop Public Library, TX*

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A young man's mother lies in a coma in a hospital ward. Should the tubes be disconnected? Would that be murder, or would it be setting her free? His dad says he cannot let her go. In spare, fast-moving, very simple free verse, the teen's journal entries evoke the boy's guilt, anger, and love. It's gradually revealed that the mother attempted suicide; the psychiatrist says she was depressed and would not take her medications. Is her son to blame? Is it guilt that makes him break with his brutal gang leader, as his mother always wanted him to do? The tension builds as the boy gradually confronts the horrifying memory of what happened when he found her and his own feelings. The complex, contemporary debate is always in the background, and what the boy decides is the climax of the story. This small book will take barely an hour to read, but the moral issues it raises are haunting. *Hazel Rochman*

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Alma Fullerton was born in Ottawa and grew up in a large military family. She's lived all over Canada and in Europe and now resides in Ontario with her husband and two daughters.

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