

THE JANUARY STARS

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The Story

When twelve-year old Clancy and her fourteen-year-old sister, Tash, visit their Pa at his aged-care facility, they have no idea that the three of them will soon set out on an intrepid adventure.

Along the way there are many challenges for Tash and Clancy to overcome and in the process, they discover their own resourcefulness and resilience and demonstrate their heartfelt love for their grandfather. (*Goodreads*)

Themes

Family, ageing grandparents, siblings, disability/stroke and aphasia, resourcefulness, resilience.

"The January Stars ...captures the importance of resilience and the complexity of family love, while also reminding readers that without the dark, we wouldn't have the stars." (*Books + Publishing*)

Reasons to read it

- *It's a delightful story for middle years' readers.
- *The characters are really well drawn, especially Pa who cannot speak, but we get to understand what he's saying.
- *The journey they go on is a memorable one.
- *You'll enjoy Clancy's interest in the stars and the cosmos, and the magical elements of the story.

Recommended for: Readers 10 - 14 yrs

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