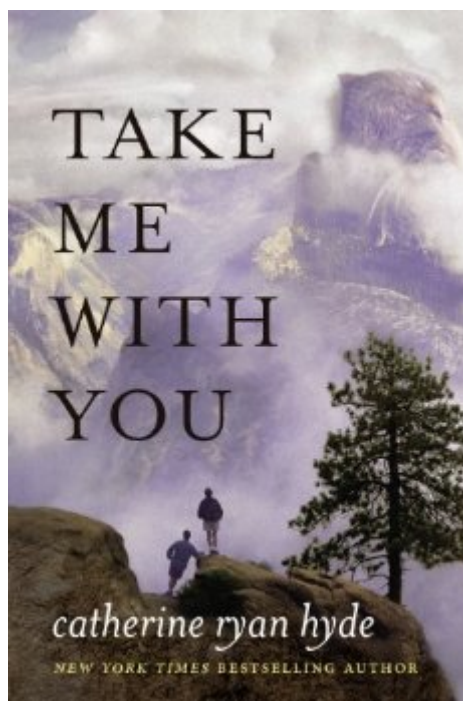


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Synopsis

August Shroeder, a burned-out teacher, has been sober since his nineteen-year-old son died. Every year heâ€™s spent the summer on the road, but making it to Yellowstone this year means everything. The plan had been to travel there with his son, but now August is making the trip with Philipâ€™s ashes instead. An unexpected twist of fate lands August with two extra passengers for his journey, two half-orphans with nowhere else to go. What none of them could have known was how transformative both the tripâ€™ and the bonds that develop between themâ€™ would prove, driving each to create a new destiny together.

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cry and laugh with characters you learn to love and care for. My favorite part was learning to "Just BE." We all are guilty of rushing to arrive at our destination and do not enjoy the journey, and the experience of the present time. This engaging story begins with a guy named August (a former alcoholic) divorced, school teacher, still grieving his teenage son Philip who died in a car accident. Now he is taking his motorhome, alone for the summer to visit the national parks, hike, and scatter his son's ashes for his final goodbye. However, fate steps in when he has problems with his RV and calls a towing company (man named Wes, also an alcoholic raising two small boys). Little does August know, while he is awaiting the repair of his RV, in order to get back on the road, this connection with this man and these two small boys, will change the course of his life forever, as well as the lives and destiny of these two small boys (Seth and Henry). An unexpected twist of fate lands August with two extra passengers for his journey, two half-orphans with nowhere else to go.

Catherine Ryan Hyde has once again written a fabulous story in this novel, interwoven with all of her favourite past times. It features two young boys, their alcoholic father and a recovering alcoholic who is a passer by who gets tricked into taking the two boys on an epic journey in a camper van, fulfilling a deep need for himself. It's an absolute cracker of a story. August Schroeder, the passer by, is a teacher grieving for his 19-year-old son who died in an automobile accident while his mother, also a heavy drinker but just under the legal limit, was at the wheel. She walked away unhurt but deeply affected by the loss of her son. August had not taken a drink since Philip's death, which ended his marriage. He had planned a holiday to Yellowstone with Philip but was now taking some of his ashes to be scattered in an act of remembrance. The camper van had broken down and Wes; the boy's father was repairing his van. During the course of the repairs Wes asked Schroeder to do him a favour. He needed a minder for his two sons while he served a gaol sentence of 90 days. He asked Schroeder to take his boys with him for this trip of a lifetime in return for doing the repairs for free. It was the only way that August would be able to afford to complete the journey. The two boys were well behaved and friendly. After some careful thought August agreed, accepting a refund for the tow back to Wes's yard and money for their keep. The three of them start off on their adventure as soon as the repairs are completed. The oldest son, Seth, aged twelve, was a lively and helpful lad, full of wonder at the natural world and enthusiastic about every new experience.

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