

Booklist

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A Field Guide To Burying Your Parents.

Palmer, Liza (Author)

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After their mother's unexpected death, Grace fled her fiancé and siblings for a life largely lacking emotional connections. Now five years later their estranged father is gravely ill and she and her siblings Abigail, Huston, and Leo have been called to his side. Grace must confront her own abandonment of her family even as she comes to terms with her father's. The siblings discover their father repeatedly tried to restore his relationship with his family and that his seemingly devoted second wife is hiding the true nature of their marriage. As they arrange for their father's care, Grace rekindles her bond with her sibling and makes amends with her former love. Palmer, author of *Conversations with the Fat Girl* (2005), writes with honesty, humor, and grace about family and romantic relationships. This realistic, emotional novel will resonate with readers.

— *Aleksandra Walker*