

Diceys Song

Dicey's Song Simon and Schuster

Do you have to lose everything to see what truly matters? Find out in the seventh and final installment of Cynthia Voigt's Tillerman cycle. Dicey Tillerman has big dreams. She's started a boatbuilding business, and she's determined to prove she can succeed on her own. That's why she resists the offer of help from Cisco, the mysterious stranger who turns up one day at her shop. But running a business doesn't leave much time for the people Dicey treasures—her grandmother, her younger siblings, and her boyfriend, Jeff. Then it turns out that Dicey has placed her trust with the wrong person. Suddenly she stands to lose everything...Has Dicey discovered too late what really matters to her? Cynthia Voigt deftly navigates nuances of identity and resilience in this triumphant conclusion to her acclaimed Tillerman cycle.

The iconic start to the timeless, Newbery-winning series from Cynthia Voigt. "It's still true." That's the first thing James Tillerman says to his older sister, Dicey, every morning. It's still true that their mother has abandoned the four Tillermans in a mall parking lot somewhere in the middle of Connecticut. It's still true that they have to find their own way to Great-aunt Cilla's house in Bridgeport. It's still true that they need to spend as little as possible on food and seek shelter anywhere that is out of view of the authorities. It's still true that the only way they can hope to all stay together is to just keep moving forward. Deep down, Dicey hopes they can find someone to trust, someone who will take them in and love them. But she's afraid it's just too much to hope for....

Dicey's Song Group Set

A Reading/writing Connection

Homecoming; Dicey's Song; A Solitary Blue; The Runner; Come a Stranger; Sons from Afar; Seventeen Against the Dealer

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Will a common cause unite two brothers—or drive them further apart? Find out in the sixth installment of Cynthia Voigt's Tillerman cycle. If James and Sammy Tillerman agree on anything, it's that they have nothing in common. Sammy is a tough jock, while James is an intellectual who has begun to question his identity. Then James enlists his brother's help to find Francis Verricker, who may be the father who deserted them long ago. Through this quest, the brothers learn more about themselves than they thought possible. Cynthia Voigt writes realistically of human failure—and triumph—in this poignant novel from her acclaimed Tillerman cycle.

One moment can change a life forever. Fifteen-year-old Izzy has it all -- a loving family, terrific friends, a place on the cheerleading squad. But her comfortable world crumbles when a date with a senior ends in a car crash and she loses her right leg. Suddenly nothing is the same. The simplest tasks become enormous challenges. Her friends don't seem to know how to act around her. Her family is supportive, but they

don't really want to deal with how much she's hurting. Then Rosamunde extends a prickly offer of friendship. Rosamunde definitely isn't the kind of girl Izzy would have been friends with in her old life. But Rosamunde may be the only person who can help Izzy face her new one.

Twenty-one-year-old Dicey Tillerman single-mindedly pursues her goal of building boats, alienating friends and family, falling victim to a con-artist drifter, and neglecting the needs of others.

By Any Name

Dicey's Song

Dicey's Song, by Cynthia Voigt

Dicey's Song a Novel Study

Love stories aren't about how they end. A chance meeting on a street corner with her childhood friend Orfe plunges Enny into the tough world of popular music. As Orfe's business manager, Enny sees Orfe and her band, the three Graces, arrive at the brink of success—and watches Orfe's dangerous obsession with Yuri. Yuri, with his black, tightly curled hair that hangs like the tendrils of grape vines. Yuri, with his dark eyes that look right into yours as if he doesn't want to miss anything about you. Yuri, with a problem that may be deeper and stronger than the love he and Orfe share. Orfe's

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music has always been her salvation, but it may not be enough to save Yuri. And without Yuri, what will become of Orfe herself?

Max's parents are missing. They are actors, and thus unpredictable, but sailing away, leaving Max with only a cryptic note, is unusual even for them. Did they intend to leave him behind? Have they been kidnapped? Until he can figure it out, Max feels it's safer to keep a low profile. Hiding out is no problem for a child of the theater. Max has played many roles, he can be whoever he needs to be to blend in. But finding a job is tricky, no matter what costume he dons. Ironically, it turns out Max has a talent for finding things. He finds a runaway child, a stray dog, a missing heirloom, a lost love. . . . So is he a finder? A detective? No, it's more. Max finds a way to solve people's problems—he engineers better outcomes for them. He becomes Mister Max, Solutioneer. Now if only he could find a solution to his own problems . . .

Argues reading can develop positive values, and evaluates 300 books

Focus on Reading

Dicey's Song Reading Guide

LitPlan Teacher Pack

Seventeen Against the Dealer

Reproducible Reading Study Guides that give students the background and support they need to understand and enjoy literature. With these reading guides, your students will

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practice reading comprehension skills, sharpen their vocabulary and learn to identify literary elements.

The critically acclaimed and Newbery Award-winning Tillerman Cycle from bestselling author Cynthia Voigt follows the lives of the Tillerman children along with their family and friends—now together in a collectible paperback boxed set! “It’s still true.” That’s the first thing James Tillerman says to his older sister, Dicey, every morning. It’s still true that their mother has abandoned the four Tillermans in a mall parking lot somewhere in the middle of Connecticut. It’s still true that they have to find their own way to Great-Aunt Cilla’s house in Bridgeport. It’s still true that they need to spend as little as possible on food and seek shelter anywhere that is out of view of the authorities. It’s still true that the only way they can hope to all stay together is to just keep moving forward. Deep down, Dicey hopes they can find someone to trust, someone who will take them in and love them. But she’s afraid it’s just too much to hope for. Over the course of this unflinching, poignant series, the Tillerman siblings, their family, and their friends learn there’s much more to having a home than finding a place to

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live. This heart-wrenching paperback boxed set includes: Homecoming Dicey's Song A Solitary Blue The Runner Come a Stranger Sons from Afar Seventeen Against the Dealer Fredle, a young mouse cast out of his home, faces dangers and predators outside, makes some important discoveries and allies, and learns the meaning of freedom as he struggles to return home.

Dicey's Song by Cynthia Voigt

A Unit Plan

The Tillerman Family Cycle

A Guide to Teaching Your Child Moral Values Through Stories

Washington's Lady

Essentially a complete teacher's manual for the novel, this LitPlan Teacher Pack includes lesson plans and reproducible resource materials for Dicey's Song by Cynthia Voigt. It includes: Daily Lessons, Short answer study questions, Multiple choice quiz questions, Vocabulary worksheets for each reading assignment, 3 detailed writing assignments, Individual and group activities, Critical thinking discussion questions, 5 unit tests (2 short answer, 2 multiple choice, 1 advanced), Evaluation

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forms, Review puzzles & games, Bulletin board ideas, Reproducible student materials, and more!

Newbery Medal Winner * Teachers' Top 100 Books for Children * ALA Notable Children's Book Beverly Cleary's timeless Newbery Medal-winning book explores difficult topics like divorce, insecurity, and bullying through the thoughts and emotions of a sixth-grade boy as he writes to his favorite author, Boyd Henshaw. After his parents separate, Leigh Botts moves to a new town with his mother. Struggling to make friends and deal with his anger toward his absent father, Leigh loses himself in a class assignment in which he must write to his favorite author. When Mr. Henshaw responds, the two form an unexpected friendship that will change Leigh's life forever. From the beloved author of the Henry Huggins, Ramona Quimby, and Ralph S. Mouse series comes an epistolary novel about how to navigate and heal from life's growing pains.

A Study Guide

Sons from Afar

Responding to Dicey's Song ...

Young Fredle

For use in schools and libraries only. Now that the four abandoned Tillerman children are settled in with their grandmother, Dicey finds that their new beginnings require love, trust, humor, and courage. Here's a whole manual full of puzzles, games, and worksheets related to the novel! It includes: 1 unit word list & clues, 4 unit fill in the blank worksheets, 4 unit multiple choice worksheets, 4 unit magic squares, 4 unit word searches, 4 unit crosswords, 32 unit bingo cards, 1 vocabulary word list & definitions, 4 vocab fill in the blank worksheets, 4 vocab matching worksheets, 4 vocab magic squares worksheets, 4 vocab word searches, 4 vocab crosswords, 4 vocab juggle letter review worksheets, 1 master set of vocab flash cards, 32 vocab bingo cards, and answer keys to all worksheets & puzzles. Unit words are character names, symbols, places, etc. Vocabulary words are chosen from the book and are the same words used in the LitPlan Teacher Pack. Great for review, reinforcement, substitute teachers, & more!

The Newbery-winning novel in Cynthia Voigt's timeless Tillerman cycle. When Momma abandoned Dicey Tillerman and her three siblings in a mall parking lot and was later traced to an asylum where she lay unrecognizing, unknowing, she left her four children

no choice but to get on by themselves. They set off alone on foot over hundreds of miles until they finally found someone to take them in. Gram's rundown farm isn't perfect, but they can stay together as a family—which is all Dicey really wanted. But after watching over the others for so long, it's hard for Dicey to know what to do now. Her own identity has been so wrapped up in being the caretaker, navigator, penny counter, and decision maker that she's not sure how to let go of some responsibilities while still keeping a sense of herself. But when the past comes back with devastating force, Dicey sees just how necessary—and painful—letting go can be.

***Mister Max: The Book of Lost Things
Come a Stranger***

Dicey's Song Novel Units Teacher Guide

A Literature Unit for Dicey's Song, by Cynthia Voigt

A dashed dream leads to a rash decision in the fifth installment of Cynthia Voigt's Tillerman cycle. Mina Smiths lives to dance, so her scholarship to ballet camp seems like a dream come true. She doesn't even mind being the only black girl in the troupe—that is, until she is told she'll never be a classical dancer. It's then that Mina begins to face some difficult truths about race and identity and transfers her passion for dance to Tamer Shipp, the summer minister for her church. The problem is, he's a grown man with a family, but

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she can't stop wishing for more to their friendship than simply pastor and parishioner. Cynthia Voigt's incomparable mastery of character and community shines forth in this stirring novel from her acclaimed Tillerman cycle.

This novel study is to be used in the classroom with the novel *Dicey's Song* by Cynthia Voigt. This 70-page novel study includes: open-ended questions for the entire book, vocabulary list, quizzes, comprehension test, and language arts activities. The activities include: vocabulary worksheets, dictionary practice, and crossword puzzle, theme analysis, cause and effect activity, internal/external conflict chart activity, character traits with textual proof activity, essay prompts, plot diagram with summarization essay, character analysis essay, and a Venn diagram with essay. Answer keys are included for the questions, vocabulary worksheets, quizzes, and comprehension test.

From the award-winning author of *Homecoming* and *Dicey's Song* comes a heartfelt adult novel perfect for readers of Judy Blume. Rida is an orphan out of California who dances for the troops in the USO. Spencer is a naval officer with roots deep in New England's upper crust. They meet during World War II at an Officer's Club dance, and Spencer might have been dissuaded if he saw just one engagement ring on her finger, but instead, he sees four. The courtship is easy, Rida wins him and wears his ring alone. But Rida is a wild card, and Spencer's family can't accept her unconventional approach to marriage, motherhood, and life. Even Rida's four daughters struggle to understand her, but for them it becomes a quest—to untangle the mystery of their stubborn, off-beat, clear-sighted, loving, and above all mesmerizing mother. Award-winning author Cynthia Voigt has penned a novel for readers who grew up loving her Newbery Award-winning novels for children and young

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adults. *By Any Name* features an indelible woman who sees lines as meant to be crossed, changing the lives of all who come into contact with her indefatigable spirit.

The Runner

The Tillerman Cycle

Dicey's Song [braille]

Reproducible study guide, written in chapter-by-chapter format, contains a synopsis, prereading activities, vocabulary, comprehension exercises and extension activities for follow-up to *Dicey's Song*.

This unit study offers many wonderful activities to use while having students read the book, but the book is not included. The entire unit also offers the ability to create a lapbook if you print out some of the pages. There are between 6 and 10 lessons. Activities in this lesson include Fill in the Blank, Multiple Choice, True and False, Comprehension, Encyclopedia Skills Activity, Journal Activity, Vocabulary, Sequencing, Handwriting, Main Idea, Prediction, Comparison Literature Skills Activities including: Main Character, Main Setting, Main Problem, Possible Solutions, Character Traits, Character Interaction, Cause and Effect, Description, Pyramid of Importance, Villain vs. Hero. Creative Writing Activities including: Letter, Fairy Tale, Mystery, Science Fiction, Fable, Dream or Nightmare, Tall Tale, Memoir, Newberry Award, A Different Ending. Writing Skills Activities including: Description, Expository, Dialogue, Process, Point of View, Persuasion, Compare and Contrast, Sequel, Climax and Plot Analysis. Poetry Skills Activities including: Couplet, Triplet,

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Quinzain, Haiku, Cinquain, Tanka, Diamante, Lantern and Shape Poem. Create a Newspaper Layout Activities including: Editorial, Travel, Advice Column, Comics, Society News, Sports, Obituary, Weddings, Book Review, Want Ads, Word Search. Poster Board Activities including: Collage, Theater Poster, Wanted Poster, Coat of Arms, Story Quilt, Chalk Art, Silhouette, Board Game Construction, Door Sign, Jeopardy. The unit has many activities which can be generally used with other books along with the specific questions and comprehension for this book.

Novel-Ties study guides contain reproducible pages in a chapter by chapter format to accompany a work of literature of the same title.

Just Under the Clouds

Dicey's Song Novel Literature Unit Study and Lapbook

Izzy, Willy-Nilly

Dear Mr. Henshaw

You can run from something, or toward something—but can you do both at the same time? Book four in the Newbery-winning cycle from Cynthia Voigt. Bullet Tillerman runs. He runs to escape the criticism of his harsh, unforgiving father. He runs to numb the pain of his mother's inability to express her love. He is the star of the school track team, but he isn't a team man and doesn't want to be. Bullet runs for himself. So Bullet doesn't understand why he's been asked to train a new team member, and he's not looking forward to the task. But in coaching Tamer Shipp, Bullet learns some things about himself—who he is, and who he can perhaps become.

A literature unit for use with "Dicey's Song," featuring sample lesson plans, pre- and post-reading

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activities, a biographical sketch of the author, a book summary, vocabulary lists, chapter study guides with quizzes and projects, book report and research ideas, and options for unit tests. To climb a tree, always think in threes and you'll never fall. "Two feet, one hand. Two hands, one foot," Cora's father told her when she was a little girl. Now Cora is in middle school, her father is gone, her family is homeless, and Cora has to look after her younger sister, Adare, who needs a lot of looking after. When their room at the shelter is ransacked, Cora's mother brings them to an old friend's apartment, and Cora hopes this will be a place she can finally call home. When doubt seeps in, Cora makes an escape of her own and discovers something that will change how she sees her family and her place within it. The beautiful debut by Melissa Sarno, the author of *A Swirl of Ocean*, will take root in your heart and blossom long after you've turned the last page. "A heartbreaking yet hopeful story of a family searching for a place to belong." --Publishers Weekly "A thought-provoking debut about the meaning of home and the importance of family." --The Horn Book Magazine

Teacher's Guide, *Dicey's Song* by Cynthia Voigt

Dicey's Song (Cynthia Voigt)

Books That Build Character

Dicey's Song Puzzle Pack

LitPlan Teacher Packs have a foundation of materials for teaching works of literature. Over one hundred pages including short answer study questions, multiple choice quiz questions,

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discussion questions, writing assignments, vocabulary worksheets, daily lessons, unit tests, games, puzzles, review materials, bulletin board ideas, and much more.

A Newbery Honor-winning installment of the Cynthia Voigt's classic Tillerman series. Jeff Greene was only seven when he came home from school to find a note from his mother. She felt that the world needed her more than her "grown up" son did. For someone who believed she could see the world's problems so clearly, she was blind to the heartache and difficulties she pushed upon her son, leaving him with his reserved, undemonstrative father. So when, years later, she invites Jeff to spend summers with her in Charleston, Jeff is captivated by her free spirit and warmth, and a happiness he's been missing fills him. But Jeff's second visit ends with a devastating betrayal and an aching feeling of loneliness. In life, there can be emotional pits so deep that seemingly nothing will grow—but if he digs a little deeper, Jeff might just come out on the other side.

Suggests activities to be used in the classroom to accompany the reading of Dicey's song by Cynthia Voigt.

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Homecoming
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