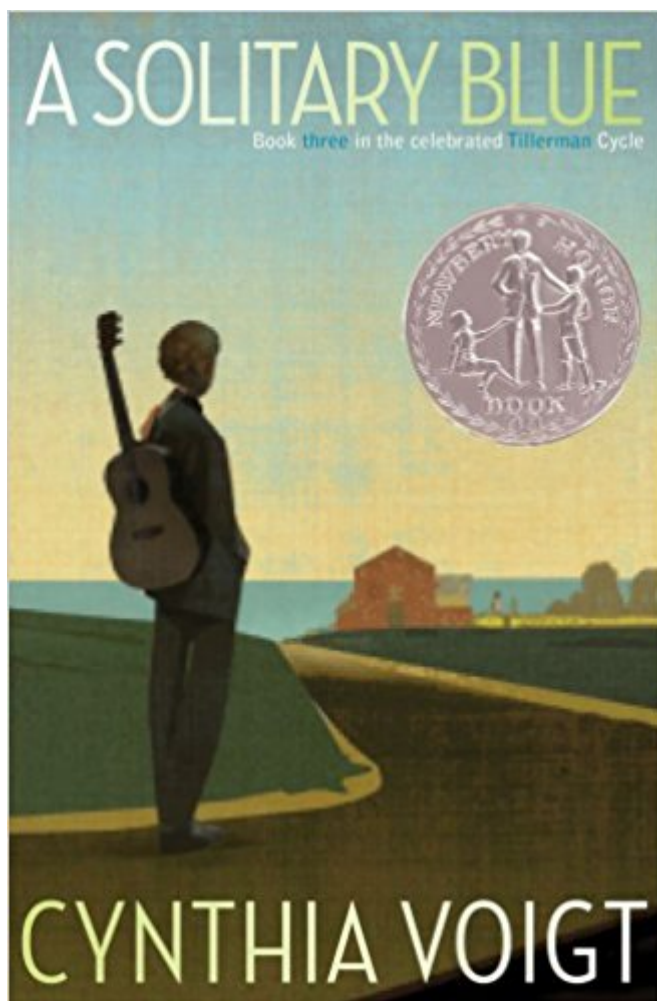


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# A Solitary Blue (The Tillerman Cycle)



## Synopsis

>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.

## Book Information

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> won the Newbery Medal for > and the Newbery Honor Award for >, both part of the beloved Tillerman Cycle. She is also the author of many other celebrated books for middle-grade and teen readers, including >and >. She was awarded the Margaret A. Edwards Award in 1995 for her work in literature, and the Katahdin Award in 2004. She lives in Maine.

I read this book for the first time when I was a kid. I'd read Homecoming and liked the Tillerman family. This was a heavy book about a boy trying to connect with the mother who left him and the father who threw himself into his work as a result. I love this book. It is one of my all time favorites and I've read it many times since first reading it

What a book! The main characters are slowly revealed and then developed. Fantastic! If you want to be a writer, read this book. The only bad thing...it is not really a continuation of the story from parts 1 and 2

I loved this book! It was wonderful to see Dicey from a different perspective as well as get to Jeff better. Cynthia Voigt did a wonderful job creating Jeff's story. It was dramatic and a little depressing at times but overall it was a believable, beautiful, well written story. The plot has a wonderful twist and the whole story was exciting yet at a relaxed pace. I couldn't think of a better character for Dicey. Great book. I highly recommend this book to all young readers.

I love the detail Voigt puts into her books, and each book is its own in the 'Tillerman Cycle' while still being a wonderful series as a whole. I just began digging into "The Runner," and can't get enough. The product -wise was was great too. I love my Paperwhite Kindle. Everything downloaded without trouble and I love how my Kindle phone app connects with my Kindle to keep up with what page I'm on.

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I love this series following a family of youngsters as they cope with survival after being abandoned by their mother. The writing allows insights into many life issues and the story lines are plausible and not predictable, just as is life. Thank you, Cynthia Voigt !

This book is powerful for any kid who is struggling with a divided family. The issue is in the question: "Who really loves me more...the custodial parent, who makes rules and is imperfect, or the parent who chose to leave, but bribes and makes promises that are empty?" Solitary Blue is about a young teenager growing up and learning lessons that will heal his empty feelings with truth.

Voigt's novels are multi-layered, the characters are complex, and the scenes are well-rendered. This book lets us learn more about the character Jeff, and provides another view (from the outside) of the Tillerman family. Great read!

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