

MARY LEE

Award-Winning Children's Author

When Grandma's False Teeth Fly

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When Grandma's False Teeth Fly by Mary Lee is a delightful story for children who may be unsure of their personal appearance for one reason or another. Six year old Katie has a chipped front tooth and some of her classmates tease her about it. Katie has a wonderful relationship with her grandmother, so she decides to take her problem to grandma to see what advice she might get, along with chocolate chip cookies and a tall glass of milk. Grandma first tells Katie that the tooth is only a baby tooth and another will soon replace the chipped tooth. She then tells Katie a story about when she was once at a party and something very embarrassing happened to her.

The interactions between Katie and her grandmother are precious. Grandma is patient. She takes Katie on her lap for additional closeness as she explains that what Katie is experiencing is somewhat a natural part of life. There are many lessons in this book such as the child going to a trusted adult to solve a problem. And then, there is the close relationship which all but ensures that the message will be heard. And then, the added bit of humor from Grandma's story tends to lessen the child's anxiety about her own problem. The result of all this is that the child learns that others also have problems and they live through them. The child learns to handle her own problem with humor. The illustrations in this book are marvelous!

