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BOOK RESUME: ORDINARY PEOPLE

BOOK SYNOPSIS

In *Ordinary People*, Judith Guest's remarkable first novel, the Jarrets are a typical American family. Calvin is a determined, successful provider and Beth an organized, efficient wife. They had two sons, Conrad and Buck, but now they have one. In this memorable, moving novel, Judith Guest takes the reader into their lives to share their misunderstandings, pain, and ultimate healing. *Ordinary People* is an extraordinary novel about an "ordinary" family divided by pain, yet bound by their struggle to heal.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Admirable . . . touching . . . full of the anxiety, despair, and joy that is common to every human experience of suffering and growth." —*The New York Times*

"Rejoice! A novel for all ages and all seasons." —*The Washington Post Book World*

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- ["Teaching Life Lessons : It's a book about suicide, sex and teen-age pain. But despite the fuss it's causing, 'Ordinary People' helps kids open up."](#)

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