

Many shapes of clay: A story of healing Written & illustrated by Kenesha Sneed

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Suit: all ages

This is a modern-day fable about grief, diversity, and family connections, a young girl and her mother discover joy, pain and grief through the creative process.

Eisha lives with her mother, a ceramic artist, who helps her make a special shape out of a piece of clay. Eisha is grieving for her Dad and the shape reminds her of her father. As she does errands with her mother, the piece of clay hardens and then shatters into pieces when Eisha taps it.

Poignant, powerful words and pictures describe the sense of loss and the joyful power of making something new out of what is left behind.

This book celebrates diversity and shares a gentle message that we all have the ability to heal and create.

Could be used as an activity with children and adults alike.