



This Last Adventure

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When Archie's beloved grandpa is diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, Archie desperately wants to slow the progression of his grandpa's memory loss.

Using Grandpa's old journal entries as inspiration, he creates shared role-playing fantasies with epic quests for them to tackle together—allowing Grandpa to live in the present and stay in touch with his fading memories. But as Grandpa's condition gradually worsens, Archie must come to terms with what's happening to his hero. The limits of the fantasies, revelations about Grandpa's past, and a school project about the future force Archie to grapple with what it truly means to live a life worth remembering.

Interview Your Grandparents

Use the questions below to start a conversation with your grandparents and to learn more about their lives and your family history.

1. What's your most vivid memory from growing up?
2. When you were my age, what did you want to be?
3. When you created fantasies as a child, what did you like to pretend?
4. What was your favorite real-life adventure?
5. What adventure do you still want to have?
6. If you could go back and change one thing from your life, would you? If so, what would you change?
7. What do you want your descendants to remember about you?
8. What's one thing you've learned about life that you want to pass on?

Writing Prompts

1. Using one of your family member's memories as inspiration, create the beginning of a fantasy world and an adventure for you to share. What is the world like, what challenge will you face, and what tools are at your disposal?
2. Imagine a problem or challenge that you might face in your life, and imagine how you might face it. Write what might happen in two different ways. For the first way, write what you imagine would be the wrong way to handle the situation and what might happen as a result. For the second way, write what you imagine is the best way to handle it as your best self and what might happen if you make that choice.
3. Imagine you've grown up and are now embarking on your own adventure. What kind of person have you become? What adventure are you beginning? How does the person you have become affect the choices you're making?



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