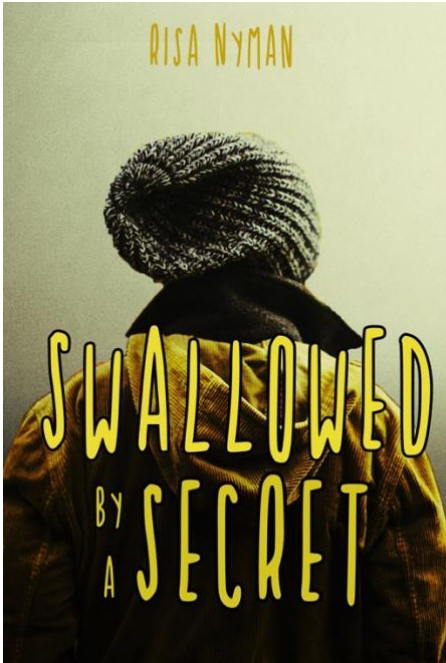


Swallowed by a Secret

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About the Book

One dead father. One lying mother. One giant secret.

12-year-old Rocky's father dies suddenly, and he learns the "his heart stopped" story is bogus. Immediately after the funeral, his mother sticks the For-Sale sign in the lawn and whisks them out of town as if living there has become too dangerous. As his trust in his one remaining parent unravels, Rocky is determined to crack the secret about how his father really died.

For Rocky, the road to the truth involves eavesdropping, snooping, and listening to advice from his dead father who urges him on a risky journey.

Will Rocky have to rethink who was the father he thought he knew? Sometimes it may be better to let a secret stay hidden.

"A contemporary and realistic tale with a little dash of magical realism thrown in, this is a somewhat serious and emotive story that deals with grief, betrayal, secrets and other social issues for young people who have lost a parent."

~Readers' Favorite

About the Author

Born in Boston with the accent to prove it, Risa Nyman lived within ten miles of the city until a recent move to the neighboring Ocean State.

For many years, Risa worked in executive positions in a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting active participation in our democracy with a special focus on voting and elections.

Swallowed by a Secret is Risa's debut middle grade novel.

Resources/Other information

- [Book trailer available](#)
- [Educators discussion guide available](#)
- Sensitivity read by a Ph.D. psychologist
- No fee for virtual school and library visits
- [E-book available on Amazon](#)
- Audiobook of Swallowed by a Secret in development
- Kirkus review available

Awards

- *2020 Readers' Favorite Gold Children's Mystery*
- *2020 Moonbeam Children's Award Silver Pre-Teen Mature Issues*