



**YouthREAD 2019**

**Middle Grade Selection  
Grades 6-8**

# *CommunityREAD 2019*

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### **LOST IN THE SUN**

**Written by Lisa Graff**

Trent feels guilty about the death of his classmate Jared after an accident during a hockey game leads to tragedy. Struggling with his guilt and his difficult relationship with his recently remarried father, Trent is convinced that everyone must hate him. It isn't until Trent makes friends with Fallon Little – the girl with the mysterious scar across her face – that things begin to change.

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***Join our CommunityREAD by reading and sharing this book, then enrich the experience with these questions and activities.***

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### **Discussion Questions**

1. Would you call Trent an unlikable character? Why or why not? Does your opinion of him change from the beginning of the book to the end of the book?
2. How does Trent try to get other people to like him or trust him? What are some other ways to make up for a past mistake or wrongdoing?
3. Trent's dad says "sometimes you only get one chance in life" while Trent's mom tells him that she doesn't believe you only ever get just one chance. Who do you believe is right?
4. Towards the end of the novel, Trent begins to learn how to control his anger. What technique does he use to help him? What other things could someone do to help control their anger?

### **Activities**

1. A *Book of Thoughts* is a great way to work through your thoughts and emotions. You can create your own by decorating a journal or even making your own: <https://abeautifulmess.com/2014/04/gift-idea-homemade-journals.html>. Fill your *Book of Thoughts* with artwork, as Trent does, or with words.
2. Write one last chapter, finishing the story Fallon began, explaining how she got her scar.