



# NO SAD SONGS

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## LOSS, SACRIFICE, STRUGGLE FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, RESILIENCE

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Following a family tragedy, eighteen-year-old Gabe LoScuda suddenly finds himself thrust into the role of caregiver for his ailing grandfather. Between the shopping trips and the doctor visits with Grandpa, Gabe and his friend John try to salvage their senior year, meet girls, and make the varsity baseball team. It doesn't take long for Gabe to realize that going to school and looking after a grandfather with Alzheimer's is more work than he ever imagined. And when long-lost Uncle Nick appears on the scene, Gabe soon finds that living with Nick and Grandpa is like babysitting two grown men.

Aside from John, the only person who truly understands Gabe is Sofia, a punk-rocking rebel he meets at the veteran's hospital. When these three unlikely friends are faced with a serious dilemma, will they do what it takes to save Grandpa? If there's a chance of preserving the final shreds of Grandpa's dignity, Gabe may have to make the most gut-wrenching decision of his life—and there's no way out.

The Alzheimer's Association estimates almost a quarter of a million people will be diagnosed with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia in the next year alone. Currently, more than five million people are living with Alzheimer's and, by 2050, this number could grow to over sixteen million. It is Morelli's hope that young readers will finish *No Sad Songs* with a new respect for what it takes to be a caregiver, and an understanding of how intertwined these duties become in the lives of people fighting on the front lines of a growing health dilemma that is rapidly approaching epidemic levels. And he wants readers to be inspired to become champions in the fight against this terrible disease so that future generations will never have to watch their loved ones disappear right before their eyes.



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