

**THINGS THAT GROW: A LOVE STORY IN BLOOM**  
**BY MEREDITH GOLDSTEIN**

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After three years of living with her Grandma Sheryl, Lori is suddenly left with nothing when her grandmother passes away. Reunited with her unreliable mother (who left her behind to move in with one of her many boyfriends), and her unstable uncle, Lori has to endure all of this new family drama, difficult relationships, and disappointing figures in her life in order to scatter Sheryl's ashes. *Things that Grow* is a story about grief and learning to move on. But mainly about a girl being taken advantage of by everyone she loves.

This book has relatable young characters, with awkward but affectionate relations to each other. If you like family dramas, this book is for you. But if you go into this book looking for a road trip or any type of romance, you will be disappointed. Overall it is well written and engaging, just not what it was advertised to be.

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