

# DEDICATION

## **Papi & Mama**

**You give me Love, you give INSPIRATION to my life**

**You give me all of you whenever I need it**

**More than words to say how much I appreciate your precious**

**LOVE**

**Only GOD and I who know what you meant to me**

**You are the BEST THING I have ever had in my life**

**Your Love is God's most precious gift.**

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(Inspired by Richard Mark's Dedication words on his  
father)

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## APPENDICES

### Synopsis of I Never Promised You a Rose Garden by Joanne Greenberg.

I Never Promised You a Rose Garden is a story about 16-year-old Deborah Blau and her quest for mental health. She has been schizophrenic since her early childhood, but it was only when she slit her wrists that her parents decided to admit her to a mental hospital for treatment.

Once Deborah is a patient at the hospital, she begins intense daily therapy to try to sort out the illusions of the Kingdom of Yr, her alternate reality, and the real world. For three years Deborah fights against the fear of losing her realm of escape, and she and her therapist, Dr. Fried, try to sort through the symptoms of Deborah's illness to get the root of the problem. As a child, Deborah was a victim of anti-Semitism at school and at the summer camp to which her parents sent her. In addition to that, she was traumatized by an early childhood surgery that caused her intense physical and emotional pain despite the doctors' promises that it wouldn't hurt at all.

Deborah uses the inner strength that she and Dr. Fried discover among the sickness within her to combat the anger and fear that she feels toward the world. Despite several setbacks in her treatment and moments of sheer desperation, Deborah finally realizes that she belongs to the world of reality and she can live in it happily, if not without some work.

She wants to live, and with this new life, she finds that she has formed friendship in the ward. Deborah realizes that life is not easy or fair, and that sometimes the only way to know that you're living is if you are fighting. But she decides that she'd rather be fighting and alive than resigned to a world that exists only in her mind.

### **Biography of Joanne Greenberg**

Joanne Greenberg was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1932. She graduated from American University in Colorado and then went to the University of London, England. Greenberg writes as a hobby, and she was a sixth-grade teacher's aide by profession.

Greenberg is the author of the novels The Monday Voices, The King's Persons, In This Sign, and I Never Promised You a Rose Garden, as well as a collection of stories titled Summering. Most of her work has been published under the pseudonym Hannah Green.

I Never Promised You a Rose Garden, her account of a teenage girl's struggle against mental illness, is her best-known novel, and several of her other works also deal with the troubles that beset the handicapped. The protagonist of The Monday Voices is a man who works for the Department of Rehabilitation and assists the physically handicapped in finding work. In This Sign centers on a deaf couple and the problems that they encounter over the span of almost fifty years.

Greenberg received the Harry and Ethel Daroff Memorial Fiction Award as well as the Jewish Book Council of America award in 1963.