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Carmine is a ten-year-old boy with AIDS. He has never known life without a constant round of hospital visits, medication, and the loneliness of isolation. Living with his grandmother in New York City, he gets supportive care from her and a number of professional helpers. A very serious child looks out of the black and white photographs in this picture book, and his history - told in the first person - is bleak but without a trace of self-pity. He knows he is dying; he knows his mother died of AIDS, and two other members of the family have it too. This family's tragedy must be repeated world-wide time and again, and the strength of the book is in our getting to know one sufferer so intimately. It is not a happy story, and is made sadder still by the 'epilogue' which tells us that Carmine died in 1996. As this is an American publication, the bibliography and list of addresses will be of little use to British readers. The book is distributed by Turnaround (0181 829 3000) in the UK.

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