Ashes to Asheville
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GENRE: Realistic Fiction

BOOK SUMMARY
Fella and her older sister, Zany, are driving alone all through the night. They are on a mission to take their mother’s ashes to Asheville where they used to live. Their family has been torn apart by Mama Lacy’s death, and Fella and Zany are hoping to do this one thing to set things right.

BOOK TALK
Have you ever been on a road trip where everything seems to go wrong? Fella and her sister Zany are on a road trip just like that. They sneaked out in the middle of the night to take their mother’s ashes to Asheville where they used to live. A snowstorm, car trouble, their grandmother’s poodle hit by a car, the disappearance of their mother’s ashes--what else could go wrong? A sad story, but filled with hilarious moments of humor in between the sadness.

LINKS TO HELPFUL WEBSITES
- **Author:** [https://sites.google.com/view/dooleynotedbooks/home](https://sites.google.com/view/dooleynotedbooks/home)
- **TeachingBooks.net through INSPIRE:** [www.teachingbooks.net/glmzg8y](http://www.teachingbooks.net/glmzg8y)

MAKERSPACE ACTIVITY
Using maps or a road atlas, map out road trip you would like to take. What is the best way to get to your destination and what alternate routes and modes of travel could you use if things don’t go as planned?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
1. What did Mrs. Madison learn by the end of the book about what makes a family?
2. During which of their many scrapes and mishaps were you the most worried about Fella and Zany?
3. Do you think Adam will remain a part of Fella and Zany’s lives? Why or why not?

IF YOU ENJOYED THIS BOOK, YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE
- **Road Trip Fiction:** *See You in the Cosmos* by Jack Cheng
- **Realistic Fiction:** *Okay for Now* by Gary Schmidt
- **Happy-Sad Books:** *The War that Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

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