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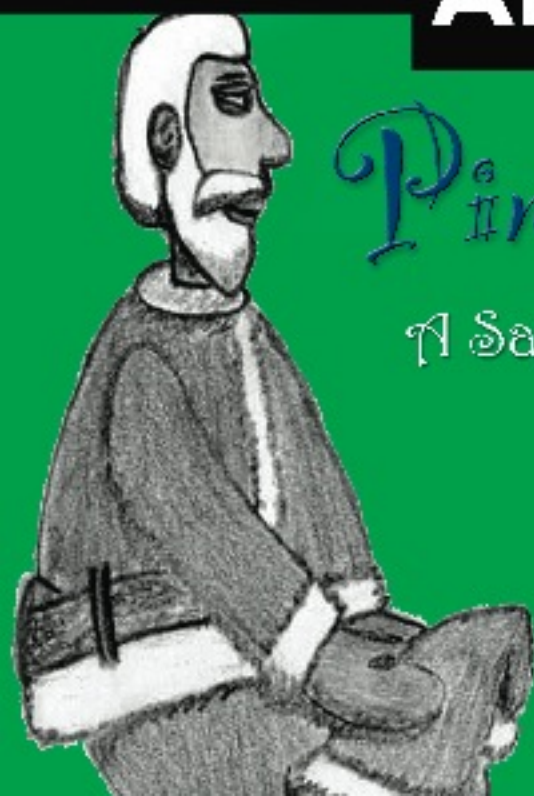
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Dedicated to all of you who must to cope with a loved one  
with dementia, and especially my family who helped and  
supported me and my writing:

my niece, ALANA V. LAPITAN AND  
my nephew, ETHAN C. LAPITAN,  
for their input and artwork;

and

my sister, GLORIA TARNOW WHITE,  
for her incredible patience with her kid sister.

"...teach me wisdom in my secret heart." Psalm 51:6  
(Revised Standard Version)



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## **A Child's Introduction to Dementia**



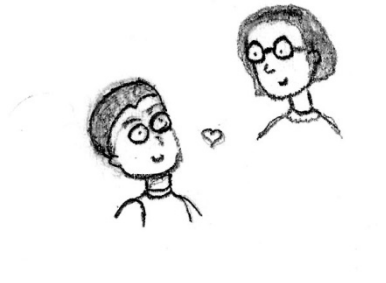


Johnny was sad.



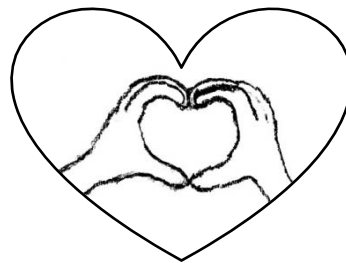
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Johnny had always loved his Grandma  
very much.  
And Grandma loved Johnny.



Grandma always used to say  
Johnny was in her special secret heart.

That meant that Grandma loved Johnny  
very much.



# **Pink Curls**

## **A Santa Claus Story**



Mrs. Santa Claus put down the tiny apron she was making for a Raggedy Ann doll and looked at Santa Claus. He was sitting in a big chair near the fireplace, with his feet propped up on a footstool.

He was wearing the new red and white striped socks she had knitted for him for his birthday.

Santa had his nose buried in a large black book in which he kept a record of all of the toys he had made during the year.

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As she watched him, he looked up from the book and Mrs. Santa saw the frown on his face.

"Are you still worrying about Janie's doll?" she asked.

Santa just stared straight ahead as if he didn't hear her.

Mrs. Santa thought about the first time she had heard about Janie wanting a doll with pink curls. Alex brought Janie's letter in the first mail delivery after Thanksgiving. Alex was the pilot of the airplane that brought mail and supplies to Santa at the North Pole.

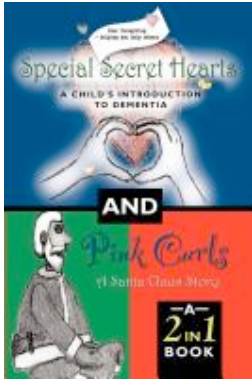
## *Pink Curls*

With the letter, Janie enclosed a page torn out of a coloring book and on it was a picture of a beautiful ballerina doll.

The doll was colored pink from the top of her head to the tip of her toes.

She had long pink curls, the color of strawberry ice cream, and on her head rested a tiny crown set with pink pearls.

On her feet were shiny pink ballet slippers and her ankle length gown was made of layers and layers of net with tiny pink rosebuds sprinkled over the entire skirt.



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