

Book Review

Angel in Blue, the Story of Ashley Martin

Written and illustrated by 5th grade students of
Smith Road Elementary School, Temperance, MI
Scholastic Inc., New York, 2000

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Angel in Blue is about Ashley Martin, who had a cancer called rhabdomyosarcoma. This cancer is rare and often found in children ages 6-10. The book is blue because that was Ashley's favorite color. The book relates the progress of her disease with a description of the stages of cancer that she went through. Each phase is then a quote from Ashley about what is important to her as she experiences the various stages and symptoms of the disease and its treatment.

This book would be valuable as a resource for a class or friends of a child who has cancer. It also would be excellent for the person with cancer to relate to the similarities of side effects and awareness of feelings. This book would be appropriate for children from 5-14 years old.