

## The Stages of Grief in *Swallowing Stones*

In 1969, Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross presented her findings on grief in her book *On Death and Dying*. Her premise was that everyone faced with loss or death travels through five stages of grief: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. For a simplified description of each of these stages, read the following page: [The 5 Stages of Grief](#).

As you read, find a character going through each stage and write an excerpt (text support) from the novel which illustrates this stage. Fill in the following chart. Remember, these stages can be applied to loss as well as grief.

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Stage	Character	Chp.	Excerpt from the novel
Denial	Jenna	2	"...as if she was expecting him to use it again."
Anger	Joe	21	"I said for all I knew, I'd left the dang car unlocked."
Bargaining	Michael	22	"Maybe it had been Joe all along."
Depression	Jenna	2	"But Jenna did not watch the news that night."
Acceptance	Michael	25	"Only this time, when she awakens, he will be there."