

## An Orphan's Adoption: 'And Away We Went'

Summarize this story in one sentence.

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1. Where did Ray Martinez live until the age of 5?
  2. What was his striking memory about personal property at this place?
  3. What kinds of things were shared?
  4. He compares himself to a library book. Why?
  5. What did it mean to Ray to sit in the back seat and have no one speak to him on the way back to the orphanage from home-stays?

6. Ray's eventual adoptive parents did not take him home for a trial. What did they do instead?
  
7. Why did they do this?
  
8. The night they took him home, what did Ray's new mom and dad give him?
  
9. Where was his new house? (On what street?)
  
10. When did his mom die?
  
11. When did his dad die?
  
12. What did he find among his mother's belongings?
  
13. Why do you think she kept them?
  
14. Why has Ray kept them?

## ***Conversation and Writing Questions***

- 1. Do you have a personal possession that is meaningful to you? Explain.***
- 2. What are orphanages like in the country where you were born?***
- 3. Do you know anyone who was adopted? Does this person have any unique challenges?***