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**Fathers in Fiction**

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by Bayo Ojikutu

After losing his job in corporate America, Tommie Simms finds himself without prospects and takes up selling pot with his cousins to pay bills, only to end up on the bad side of a corrupt Chicago cop and falling ever deeper into the dark underworld of the Windy City.

### **The Kite Runner**

By Khaled Hosseini

Traces the unlikely friendship of a wealthy Afghan youth and a servant's son, in a tale that spans the final days of Afghanistan's monarchy through the atrocities of the present day.

### **Inheritance**

by Natalie Danford

"Danford's debut novel is an overall achievement in storytelling, giving readers the portrait of an Italian immigrant who keeps his past hidden from his daughter only to have her investigate his secret after his death.

### **Remembered**

by Tamera Alexander

In a rich historical romance series, Veronique Girard is looking for her father, who left France in search of the American dream. Veronique arrives in Colorado in 1871 and meets Jack Brennan instead.

### **Returning To Earth**

by Jim Harrison

In the aftermath of a Chipewewa-Finnish man's death, from Lou Gehrig's disease, his wife, daughter, and brother-in-law read the family history he has left behind, study his philosophies about death, and struggle to redeem their own pasts.

### **A Good and Happy Child**

by Justin Evans

Visiting a therapist in the hopes that he can save his unraveling marriage and redeem himself as a father and husband, thirty-year-old George Davies begins to recall his own dark childhood memories of his father's unexpected death.

### **American Desert**

by Percival Everett

"Everett is biting and satirical in this novel about the meaning of life and death and one man's search for redemption. Theodore Street, a middle-aged college professor, husband, and father is on his way to commit suicide when he is decapitated in a freak accident with a UPS truck. He awakes at his funeral three days later creating a wave of confusion and media frenzy."

Also try:

### **The Night Gardener**

by George Pelecanos

A detective's case brings him closer to his own loved ones.

### **Big Fish** by Daniel Wallace

Preparing for his father's passing, a son tries to understand the man his father is. This story resembles folklore in many aspects.

### **Matchstick Men**

by Eric Garcia A crook gets to know the daughter he didn't know he had to the annoyance of his partner in crime.