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Ordinary People by Judith Guest

Author _____

of pages _____

Main Characters _____

Setting _____

Introduction - How does the book begin?

Characterization - What do Conrad and Calvin Jarrett have in common?

Symbolism - What does water symbolize to Conrad?

Theme - Discuss the lessons learned regarding communication.

Irony - Discuss the irony in Beth's quest for perfection.

Climax - Where does the climax occur?

Conflict - Were Conrad's issues with his mother examples of internal or external conflict? Justify your answer.

Resolution - What resolution did Conrad come to regarding his part in Jordan's death?

Do you think this novel illustrates an accurate example of the way in which most families communicate?
