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▷ **In Between Days.**

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Elson Harding's architecture career has stalled; his wife, Cadence, has divorced him; and he's drinking a bit too much. Their son, Richard, is still living at home, driving his mom's minivan and not speaking to his father because of his reaction to Richard's announcement that he is gay. But it is when daughter Chloe is kicked out of her eastern college under mysterious circumstances and returns to Houston that things really get interesting. Chloe refuses to explain what happened and, when her boyfriend, Raj, jumps bail and joins her, they disappear, with Richard's help. Elson and Cadence come together briefly in their grief, but the damage is done. And poor, guilty Richard must finally find his own life. The story is told with great emotional and psychological insight. All of the four Hardings get to tell their pieces of the story in their distinct voices, creating a multilayered and suspenseful tale of love in all its varieties and family defined in different ways.

— *Elizabeth Dickie*