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The book *Whirligig* by Paul Fleischman is about how a guy goes around the U.S. to make whirligigs of a girl he killed by accident. The book focuses on how depressed Brent is. During the story, Brent changes a bit and that is what my topic is about.

At the beginning of the book, Brent wasn't popular and was sort of depressed. After he was embarrassed at the party, he drank some whisky and decided to drive. After he killed Lea, he was so upset with himself and didn't know what to do to make things right.

He talked to Lea's mother and she said that he needs to put up whirligigs on each corner of the U.S. During that time, he had a lot of time to think and reconstruct himself. He met a lot of new people. Some he could even call a friend.

Brent went from being very depressed with no purpose to being determined to finish what he started. Since the time when he killed Lea to the end of the book, he has changed a lot. He got to see new things on this trip, like the coast, which did kind of help his emotional healing process.

I think the point of this book is that you can come out of something terrible. It doesn't need to ruin your life, especially at a young age like Brent. You just need forgiveness. You need to wake up every day and move on with your life. Something bad can change your life completely, but you control how much it changes and if you can move on.