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RESOURCE #2: Analyze Theme

Answer these questions as you read to analyze the theme of the book. Provide evidence from the text to support each of your answers.

"Beginning: August 1920" (pp. 3–5)

1. How does Billie Jo think her father feels about her being born a girl?

"Blame" (pp. 70–72)

2. What does Billie Jo think about the accident? How does she feel about herself? How does she feel about her father right after the accident?

"Outlined by Dust" (pp. 111–114)

3. What mixed feelings does Billie Joe have for her father? How does he treat her?

"Midnight Truth" (pp. 195–196)

4. What are Billie Jo's feelings about her father now? What does she plan to do about it?

"Cut it Deep" (pp. 209–211)

5. How have Billie Jo's feelings toward her father changed? How have her feelings about herself changed?

What do you think is the theme or message about life in *Out of the Dust*?
