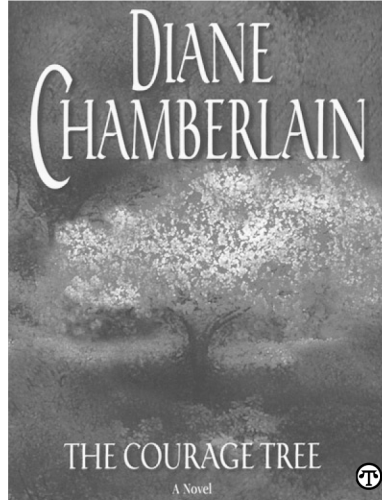


## The Courage Tree

(NAPS)—A mother launches a frantic search for her missing child in the haunting new book *The Courage Tree* (MIRA Books, \$22.95, hardcover), from best-selling author Diane Chamberlain.

Eight-year-old Sophie Donohue wanted to be just like every other child her age, but a rare kidney disease kept her tied to a strict medical regimen. However, when a controversial new herbal treatment produces amazing results for Sophie, her mother lets her camp out with her Brownie troop.



**An exciting and inspirational new novel explores the relationships between parents and children.**

Janine Donohue knew the trip meant the world to her daughter. She also knew her ex-husband, Joe, was vehemently opposed to it, and that Sophie's life still depended on her ongoing treatments.

When Sophie does not return from camp, Janine mounts a seemingly hopeless search deep in the forests of West Virginia. As hours become days, Janine knows it's only a matter of time before Sophie succumbs to her disease.

While Janine tries to find her missing child, she's supported by only one person: Lucas, her parents' gardener, a man with a mysterious past. Janine begins to wonder whom to trust as the tension builds between Lucas and Joe.

Meanwhile, deep in the forest, Sophie has found refuge in a remote cabin with a mother trying to protect her own disturbed daughter.

A powerful and moving drama unfolds as two mothers try desperately to rescue the most important persons in their lives: their daughters.

*The Courage Tree* is available wherever books are sold; through [www.mirabooks.com](http://www.mirabooks.com); or in audio format from *dh audio*.