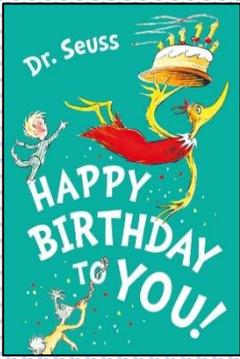


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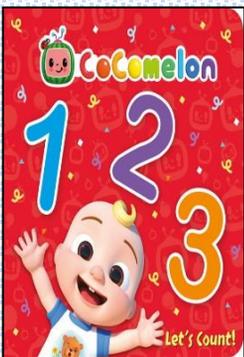
Happy Birthday to You! by Dr. Seuss
9780008473884 / HarperCollins / PB / R180

Introducing a host of zany creatures and wacky situations, this charming tale looks at all the Wonderful things that children get up to on their birthdays in the imaginary land of Katroo.



The Adventures of Paddington: Hatching Chicks by Michael Bond
9780008497842 / HarperCollins / PB / R180

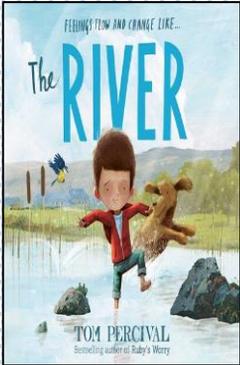
Something very exciting is going on at the City Farm.
Three eggs are about to hatch and it's Paddington and his friends' job to watch over them.
The trouble is that Paddington's egg is taking rather a long time to hatch! Will he be able to stay awake?



Learn with CoComelon: 123 by CoComelon
9780755502035 / Egmont / PB / R155

JJ is ready for a fun learning adventure! Are you?
Count from 1 to 10 by pointing to some of JJ's favourite things, including his dog Bingo, yummy fruit, bath toys and his pals from school!

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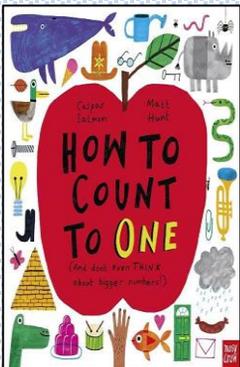
The River by Tom Percival

9781471191329 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R180

Rowan loves the river; it's just like he is.

On some days, it's quiet and calm, on others it's light and playful, and then there are the days when it roars along, wild and angry. But when Rowan goes through a particularly difficult winter, the river freezes, just like Rowan.

Can Rowan find a way to release his frozen feelings, and allow the river to flow freely once more?



How to Count to One by Matt Hunt & Caspar Salmon

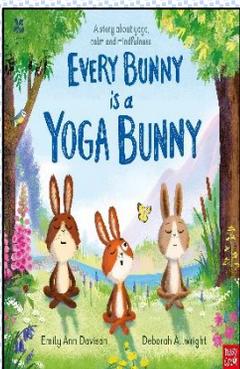
9781839941931 / Nosy Crow / PB / R180

You know how to count, right? GREAT! There are LOADS of fun things to count in this book. Whales, baboons, rainbows, pyramids. There's just rule. You must only ever count to ONE.

Get ready to show off your skills in this fun new counting book!

There are so many fun things that you could count.

But, wait, maybe there's a way to outsmart the book and count all the way up to 100.



Every Bunny is a Yoga Bunny by Emily Ann Davison

9781839940682 / Nosy Crow / PB / R180

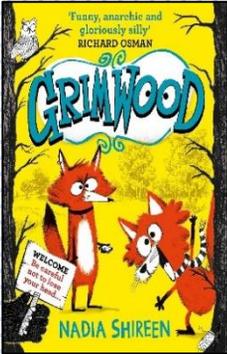
Yo-Yo is a fidgety, bouncy, can't-sit-still-EVER type of bunny.

Even Grandpa's yoga class won't stop her wiggling and giggling!

But what will Yo-Yo do when she finds herself lost and all alone in the deep, dark, shadowy forest?

Maybe Grandpa's yoga will help her find the way home.

6 – 9 years old

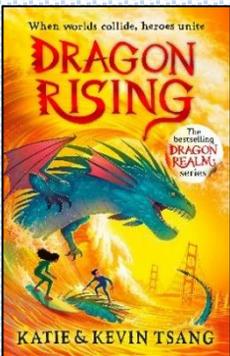


Grimwood by Nadia Shireen

9781471199318 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R180

Fox cub siblings Ted and Nancy are on the run from Princess Buttons, the scariest street cat in the Big City.

They flee for Grimwood, expecting to find refuge in the peaceful countryside. Instead, they are met with thieving eagles, dramatic ducks, riotous rabbits and a whole host of unusual characters. Grimwood is... weird. But when Princess Buttons tracks them down, Nancy and Ted and the animals of Grimwood must unite in a mind-bending race against time.



Dragon Realm 4: Dragon Rising by Katie & Kevin Tsang

9781398505902 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R205

Billy, Dylan, Charlotte and Ling-Fei are back in their hometowns, missing each other and their dragons. While out surfing one morning, Billy panics when a water dragon emerges out of the waves, and soon strange sightings are being spotted all over the world. Meeting back in Dragon Realm, the friends, their dragons and two new acquaintances join forces to investigate. But what unravels is a dastardly plan concocted by an evil baddie and a human and dragon battle that will go down in history. It's up to Billy and friends to save the world, but can they do it?



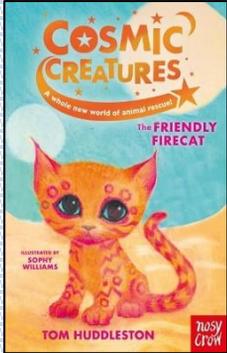
Wind Riders 3: Shipwreck in Seal Bay by Jen Marlin

9780063029347 / HarperCollins / R95

Sofia and Max know that each time they step aboard the abandoned, magical sailboat, some animal desperately needs their help!

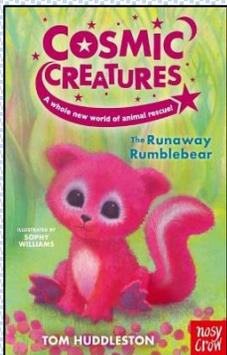
This time, the kids travel to Scotland where they must contain an oil spill threatening harbor seals

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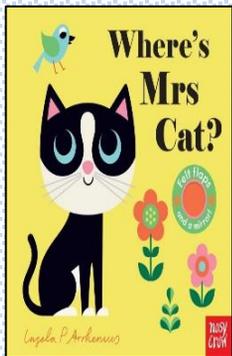
Cosmic Creatures 1: The Friendly Firecat by Tom Huddleston
9781839941290 / Nosy Crow / PB / R155

Charlie has arrived on Vela with her parents. They are the first humans to read the faraway planet with its twin suns and five moons. They are there to study the local plants and animals, but Charlie soon finds adventures around each new corner. And with hundreds of new animals to help and make friends with, she and her robot best friend, Random, are kept pretty busy.



Cosmic Creatures 2: The Runaway Rumblebear by Tom Huddleston
9781839941276 / Nosy Crow / PB / R155

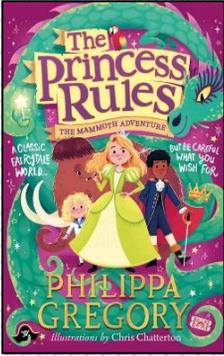
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Where's Mrs Cat? by Ingela P. Arrhenius
9781839940644 / Nosy Crow / PB / R160

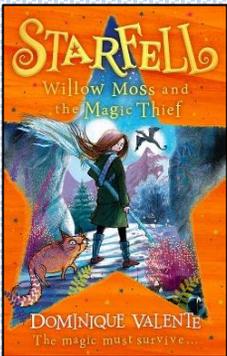
In *Where's Mrs Cat?*, you're on the look out for Mr Goldfish, Mrs Dog, Mr Guinea Pig and Mrs Cat herself!

10 – 12 years old



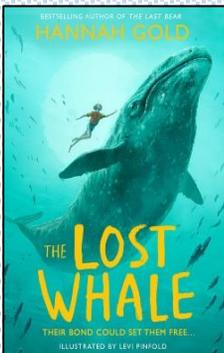
The Princess Rules 3: The Mammoth Adventure by Philippa Gregory
9780008403300 / HarperCollins / PB / R180

The feisty princess takes her baby brother and best friend, Bennett, on another round of adventures. Can they rescue their new-found friend the sea serpent from a travelling circus? And hold back the pirate, Five-fathom Freida. Or will Florizella's worst fairy godmother prove that in a fairytale world, you really do have to be careful what you wish for?



Starfell 4: Willow Moss and the Magic Thief by Dominique Valente
9780008308513 / HarperCollins / PB / R255

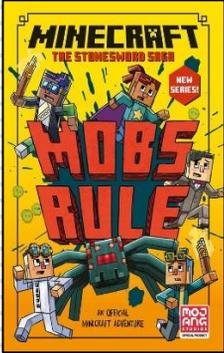
Starfell is on the edge of disaster. The fight against Silas, the wizard determined to steal all magic for himself, is far from over, but how can Willow make a difference when her powers have been taken? With the help of her friends, the young witch sets off to the treacherous Mountains of Nach. There, she hopes to find the Craegun, a powerful beast believed to restore anything that has been lost – for a heavy price. The mission is fraught with danger, but there's no turning back or the magic of Willow's world will be lost forever.



The Lost Whale by Hannah Gold
9780008412944 / HarperCollins / PB / R255

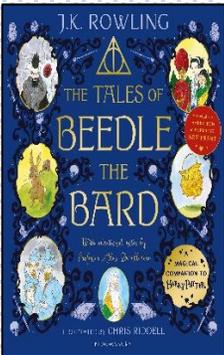
What if you could communicate with a whale? Rio has been sent to live with a grandmother he barely knows in California, while his mum is in hospital back home. Alone and adrift, the only thing that makes him smile is joining his new friend Marina on her dad's whale watching trips. That is until an incredible encounter with White Beak, a gentle giant of the sea changes everything. But when White Beak goes missing, Rio must set out on a desperate quest to find his whale and somehow save his mum.

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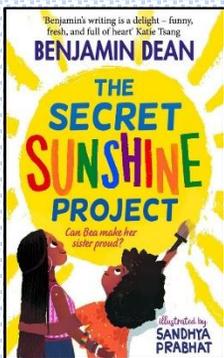
Minecraft Stonesword 2: Mobs Rule! by Mojang
9780755503568 / Egmont / PB / R180

Something has turned the Evoker King to stone, and elements of his code have turned into new and terrible bosses that threaten the digital world of Minecraft. Now Po, Harper and their friends must travel deep into underground and into a web of danger to face the one of them. But that's the easy part, because in the real world, Po decides to run for class president and before he knows it, the ground feels like it is opening under his feet and his popularity is about to plummet!



The Tales of Beedle the Bard by J. K. Rowling
9781526637895 / Bloomsbury / HB / R385

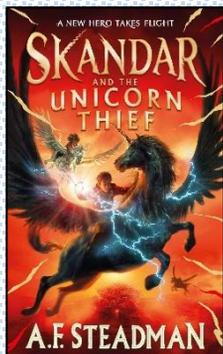
Mischievous and witty, Beedle the Bard's stories are a deeply satisfying read in the tradition of all great fables and fairytales. Kindnesses are rewarded and selfishness shown to be the ruin of many a wizard. Burping cauldrons, hairy hearts and cackling stumps are met along the way. Each tale is brought vividly to life with Riddell's trademark wry humour and elegance, including 'The Tale of the Three Brothers', familiar to readers of *Harry Potter* from the crucial role it plays in *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*.



The Secret Sunshine Project by Benjamin Dean
9781471199752 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R205

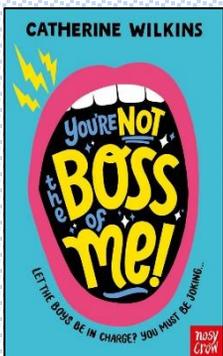
Bea's family are happy. Like, really happy. Like, kind of gross but also cute happy. So, when they visit London Pride together and have the ultimate day out, Bea doesn't think her family could possibly get any happier. But a year later, a grey cloud is following Bea's family around. Dad has passed away, and without him around they have no choice but to pack their bags and move to the countryside to live with Gran. With Bea's big sister, Riley, taking the news hard, Bea will do anything to cheer her up. So, with the help of new friends.

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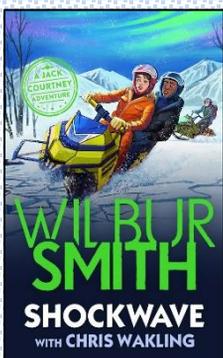
Skandar and the Unicorn Thief by A. F. Steadman
9781398502710 / Simon & Schuster / HB / R255

Thirteen-year-old Skandar Smith has only ever wanted to be a unicorn rider. To be one of the lucky few selected to hatch a unicorn. To bond with it for life; to train together and race for glory; to be a hero. But just as Skandar's dream is about to come true, things start to take a more dangerous turn than he could ever have imagined. A dark and twisted enemy has stolen the Island's most powerful unicorn and as the threat grows ever closer, Skandar discovers a secret that could blow apart his world forever.



You're Not the Boss of Me! by Catherine Wilkins
9781788007863 / Nosy Crow / PB / R205

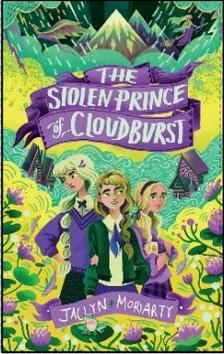
Amy Miller is a very positive person and she is fully prepared to be the star of the Lower School Comedy Review. That is, until Mrs Hague puts evil genius Harry in charge and he decides that Amy isn't allowed to perform or write sketches or do anything fun. Amy can't understand what's happening until her sister tells her the cold truth: Harry is being sexist, and it's up to Amy to fight back. Armed only with some killer one-liners, Amy goes into battle to fight for her right to make people laugh.



Jack Courtney 3: Shockwave by Wilbur Smith
9781848128576 / Hot Key Books / PB / R170

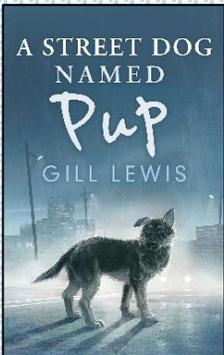
On the pretext of making a film for his mother's environmental protection work, Jack wangles an expedition to the Arctic with his friends Amelia and Xander and cousin Caleb. But Xander's investigations into the mysterious backers funding their adventure raises Jack's suspicions. Is the renewable energy investment company really as environmentally responsible as it claims to be? Then disaster strikes when Caleb takes on a pack of wolves. Can Jack really trust his mother's friend Jonny Armfield to come to their help, or is he part of the problem?

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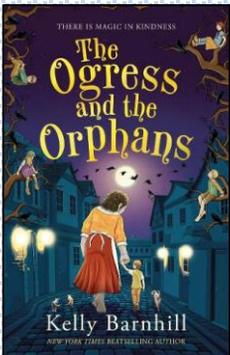
Bronte Mettlesone 3: The Stolen Prince of Cloudburst by Jaclyn Moriarty
9781913101619 / Buster Books / PB / R205

Esther Mettlesone-Staranise (cousin to Bronte) is looking forward to another year at Katherine Valley Boarding School. But she arrives to find several strange and unsettling changes. Her new teacher is rumoured to be an Ogre. The mountains surrounding the school, usually a delight of glaciers, teashops, lakes and Faeries, are now crowded with wicked Shadow Mages. Meanwhile, on the other side of the kingdom, the little Prince of Cloudburst who was stolen from the seashore by a Water Sprite, has found his way home. The King and Queen are planning the biggest party in their Kingdom's history to welcome him. As secrets and dangers escalate, Esther must find answers to several puzzles.



A Street Dog Named Pup by Gill Lewis
9781788452205 / David Fickling / PB / R180

Pup and his boy are inseparable. But both their worlds change forever when Pup is cruelly taken away and abandoned in Dead Dog Alley. With nowhere else to turn, Pup joins a crew of misfit street dogs, who help him learn to fight for survival. Through it all, Pup holds on to the hope of one day being reunited with his boy. But his hope shrinks with every passing day. It seems their bond is broken Forever. Doesn't it?



The Ogress and the Orphans by Kelly Barnhill
9781800783027 / Hot Key Books / PB / R169

Stone-in-the-Glen has fallen on hard times. Fires, floods, and other calamities have caused the townsfolk to lose their library, school, park, and all sense of what it means to be generous, and kind. The people put their faith in the Mayor. After all, he is a famous dragon slayer. Only the clever orphans of the Orphan House and the kindly Ogress at the edge of town can see how dire the town's problems are. When one of the orphans goes missing, all eyes turn to the Ogress. The orphans, though, know this can't be: the Ogress, along with a flock of excellent crows, secretly delivers gifts to the people of Stone-in-the-Glen. But how can the orphans tell the story of the Ogress's goodness to people who refuse to listen? And how can they make their deluded neighbours see the real villain in their midst?

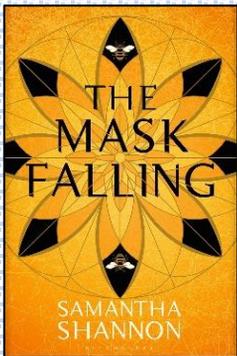
Teen Fiction



The Words We Keep by Erin Stewart
9781471184512 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R205

Sixteen-year-old Lily carefully hides her crippling anxiety to keep her family and her perfect façade from falling apart. Especially since her older sister's breakdown at college and subsequent stay in a mental health facility, Lily feels the pressure to be "the perfect one" more than ever. But when Lily pairs up for a poetry project with a boy who has his own dark secrets, she must face the demons in her head that tell her she's not enough. Together, Lily and Micah spread their secret fears and words across the school as anonymous guerrilla poets. But when the project goes too far, Lily's anxiety spirals further than ever, and she must face the only three words that can actually save her: I need help.

Young Adult



Bone Season 4: The Mask Falling by Samantha Shannon
9781408865583 / Bloomsbury / PB / R255

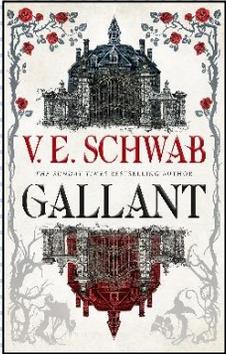
Paige Mahoney has eluded death again. Snatched from the jaws of captivity and consigned to a safe house in the Scion Citadel of Paris, she finds herself caught between those factions that seek Scion's downfall and those who would kill to protect the Rephaim's puppet empire. With Arcturus Mesarthim - her former enemy - at her side, she embarks on an adventure that will lead her from the catacombs of Paris to the glittering hallways of Versailles. Her risks promise high reward. As Scion widens its bounds and the free world trembles in its shadow, Paige must fight her own memories after her ordeal at the hands of Scion.



Blood to Poison by Mary Watson
9781526619174 / Bloomsbury / PB / R205

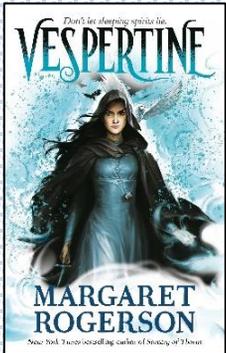
Seventeen-year-old Savannah is cursed. It's a sinister family heirloom; passed down through the bloodline for hundreds of years, with one woman in every generation destined to rage until she dies young from her uncontrollable anger. The family call them Hella's girls, named for their ancestor Hella; the enslaved woman with whom it all began. The anger is bursting from Savannah - at the men who catcall her in the street, at her mother's disingenuous fiancé, even at her own loving family. Each fit of rage is bringing her closer to the edge and now Savannah has to act to save herself. Or die trying. Because the key to survival lies in the underbelly of Cape Town, where the sinister veilwitches are waiting for just such a girl.

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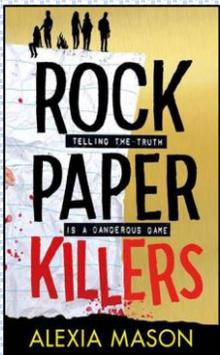
Gallant by V. E. Schwab
9781789098938 / Bloomsbury / PB / R255

Sixteen-year-old Olivia Prior is missing three things, a mother, a father and a voice. One day she receives a letter from an uncle she's never met, summoning her to his estate. She discovers that her uncle is dead and the estate almost empty. Olivia remains but must follow two rules: don't go out after dusk and always stay on the right side of a wall. It's hiding secrets of an ancient and magical realm, which calls to Olivia through her blood.



Vespertine by Margaret Rogerson
9781398507951 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R205

Artemisia is training to be a Gray Sister, a nun who cleanses the bodies of the deceased so that their souls can pass on. She'd rather deal with the dead than the living, who point and whisper about the odd girl who was once possessed by a violent spirit. When her convent is attacked by possessed soldiers, Artemisia fights back by awakening an ancient spirit bound to a high saint's relic. It is a revenant, a malevolent being now whispering in her head. Wielding its extraordinary power almost consumes her in body and soul. But death has come to Loraille, and only a vespertine, a priestess trained to wield a high relic, has a chance of stopping it.



Rock, Paper, Killers by Alexia Mason
9781398508781 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R205

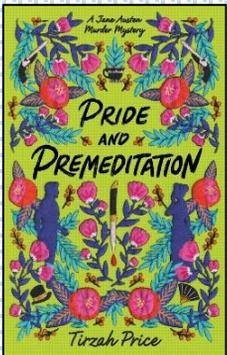
The ROCK she fell from...The PAPER she clutched... The KILLERS she thought were friends... When five Dublin teenagers arrive at a rural coastal college to cram for their final exams, their most pressing concern is the prospect of a month with no partying. Little do they know that one of them will never make it back home.

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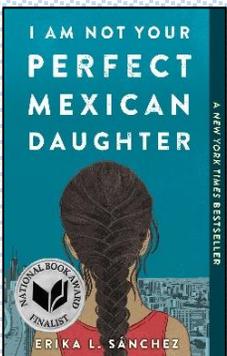
Bone Crier's Dawn by Kathryn Purdie
9780062798817 / HarperCollins / PB / R175

Bone Criers have been ferrying the dead into the afterlife for centuries, a dangerous duty only possible with the powers they gain from sacrificing their amourés, the men destined to love them and die. But Bone Criers Aillesse and Sabine, along with Aillesse's love, Bastien, are working to chart their own course and rewrite the rules of the afterlife. If they don't break the soul bond between Aillesse and her amouré, she could die. Sabine struggles to maintain her authority as matrone of her famille, even as she fights to control the violent jackal power within her. Bastien is faced with a new dilemma as the spirits of the Underworld threaten the souls of his friends.



A Jane Austen Murder: Pride and Premeditation by Tirzah Price
9780062889812 / HarperCollins / PB / R185

When a scandalous murder shocks London high society, seventeen-year-old Lizzie Bennet sees the perfect opportunity to prove herself as a formidable solicitor even though women are only allowed in court as witnesses. Unfortunately for Lizzie, the man accused of the crime already has a fledgling lawyer on his side: Mr. Fitzwilliam Darcy, the stern young heir training to take over the prestigious firm Pemberley Associates. Convinced the authorities have blamed the wrong person, Lizzie vows to steal Darcy's client and solve the murder. But as the case and her feelings for Darcy, become more complicated, Lizzie discovers that her dream job could make her happy, but it might also get her killed.



I am not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika L. Sánchez
9780861543496 / One World / PB / R215

Perfect Mexican daughters do not go away to college, they never abandon their family. But Julia is not your perfect Mexican daughter. That was her sister Olga's role. Then a tragic accident on the busiest street in Chicago leaves Olga dead and Julia left behind to reassemble the shattered pieces of her family. No one seems to acknowledge that Julia is broken, too. Instead, her mother seems to channel her grief into pointing out every possible way Julia has failed. But it's not long before Julia discovers that Olga might not have been as perfect as everyone thought.. Was Olga really what she seemed? Or was there more to her sister's story? And either way, how can Julia even attempt to live up to a seemingly impossible ideal?



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