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With this brilliant novel about the surprises of destiny and the origins of fame, the critically acclaimed author of Golden Days ("Extraordinary . . . a very, very important book"-Los Angeles Times Book Review) and Making History ("Radiant . . . exciting and imaginative"-Cleveland Plain Dealer) firmly establishes her place as one of the preeminent chroniclers of our times. The Handyman is the story of Bob Hampton, an aspiring young painter who has had to face the humbling fact that he doesn't know what to paint. And how are you supposed to be an artist in this world if you don't have a vision? Bob trades in his artist's palette for a minivan full of house paints, hammers, and nails, and sets about earning a little cash as a handyman. Although he turns out to be very bad at fixing the things he's hired to fix, Bob demonstrates quite a knack for fixing the lives of the people around him. In the midst of his jerry-built repairs and inspired home improvements, Bob meets an extraordinary cast of characters--rendered in all their delightful eccentricity and human frailty as only Carolyn See can--each of whom shows Bob the true scope of his own remarkable talent. There's Angela Landry, a housewife with far too much time on her hands, a sexpot of a stepdaughter, and a son in need of attention; Jamie Walker, whose allergy-prone and ADD-afflicted children keep a menagerie of scaly pets that far exceed Jamie's managerial skills; Valerie LeClerc, older, sadder, and certainly wiser than Bob; and Hank and Ben, who leave a narrow-minded Midwest only to find unremitting illness and isolation in the California of their dreams. Replete with stunning images and all of Carolyn See's trademark humor and wisdom, The Handyman depicts the countless ways in which our lives are intertwined and the profound effects we can have on one another. It is the kind of surprising and miraculously uplifting novel we have come to expect from the woman Diane Johnson has called "one of our most important writers." "Discoveries of rare and collectible books are chronicled in stories from both casual and die-hard book collectors"-- DIVDIVTtwo grieving sisters resolve to break a spell cast by evil fairies/divDIV After the death of their mother, Olivia and Nellie are shipped off to their great-aunt's house for the summer. Nine-year-old Olivia is not excited about the trip—she has to keep one eye on kind but eccentric Aunt Minty and the other on her younger sister, Nellie, who's been behaving oddly. But the summer takes an interesting turn when Olivia discovers an old fairy tale: the story of a group of

children who, at a garden tea party, are turned into flowers. The garden sounds an awful lot like the one at Aunt Minty's house—could the flower children be real? If Olivia and Nellie can only locate the old tea set from the story, they might be able to break the spell.

Fifteen-year-old Mina Clark lives in a future Manhattan that is ruled by extremists. Girls aren't allowed to get an education, they need permission to speak to boys, and all marriages are negotiated by contract. But Mina's grandmother has secretly been teaching her to read, leading Mina down a path of rebellion, romance, and danger that not only threatens to destroy her family's reputation, it could get Mina killed. Suspenseful and empowering, *Time Zero* is about what it's like to be powerless, underestimated, and manipulated and what it takes to go against society to assert who you actually want to be. A riveting memoir of one woman's immersion into fundamentalist faith, and her decision twenty years later to leave it all behind. Beautifully written and powerfully told, this memoir is a fascinating look at the nature of faith, and the inspiring story of one woman's struggle to find her place in the world. Originally published as *This Dark World*, this book has been adapted into the screenplay *Higher Ground*, now a film directed by and starring Vera Farmiga.

Carolyn Briggs grew up with modest means in the Iowa Heartland. Pregnant at seventeen and married to her musician boyfriend, by the age of eighteen she found herself with little hope for the future. Until an unexpected encounter with the Divine. Soon she had immersed herself into a close-knit and patriarchal New Testament church. But as Carolyn began to realize that her religion left little room for what she wanted out of life—as a mother, as a wife, as an intellectually curious woman—cracks began to appear in her all-encompassing sense of faith, and slowly she began to question the religion that had given her hope. Children have been a part of the cinematic landscape since the silent film era, yet children are rarely a part of the theoretical landscape of film analysis. *Lost and Othered Children in Contemporary Cinema*, edited by Debbie C. Olson and Andrew Scahill, seeks to remedy that oversight. Throughout the over one-hundred year history of cinema, the image of the child has been inextricably bound to filmic storytelling and has been equally bound to notions of romantic innocence and purity. This collection reveals, however, that there is a body of work that provides a counter note of darkness to the traditional portraits of sweetness and light. Particularly since the mid-twentieth century, there are a growing number of cinematic works that depict childhood as a site of knowingness, despair, sexuality, death, and madness. *Lost and Othered Children in Contemporary Cinema* challenges notions of the innocent child through an exploration of the dark side of childhood in contemporary cinema. The contributors to this multidisciplinary study offer a global perspective that explores the multiple conditions of marginalized childhood as cinematically imagined within political, geographical, sociological, and cultural contexts. "Zoe is a cat living in beautiful San Francisco, California, with her owners Nancy and David. Come along and see the world through her eyes as she tells her heartfelt story of love, loss, courage, and ultimately hope. Includes discussion questions and activities for parents and teachers." Mina's story continues in this sequel to *TIME ZERO*. After Mina and her friends narrowly escape extremist Manhattan, they're taken in by a new community, the *Unbound*. After the friends are forced apart, Mina struggles to hold onto her identity. She also grapples with her secrets, even as the *Unbound* endeavor to discover each and every one. Bestselling author Carolyn Jess-Cooke has written a brilliant novel of suspense that delves into the recesses of the human mind and soul—perfect for fans of Gillian Flynn and Lisa Unger. *The Boy Who Could See Demons* follows a child

psychologist who comes up against a career-defining case—one that threatens to unravel her own painful past and jeopardizes the life of a boy who can see the impossible. Dr. Anya Molokova, a child psychiatrist, is called in to work at MacNeice House, an adolescent mental health treatment center. There she is told to observe and assess Alex Connolly, a keenly intelligent, sensitive ten-year-old coping with his mother's latest suicide attempt. Alex is in need of serious counseling: He has been harming himself and others, often during blackouts. At the root of his destructive behavior, Alex claims, is his imaginary "friend" Ruen, a cunning demon who urges Alex to bend to his often violent will. But Anya has seen this kind of behavior before—with her own daughter, Poppy, who suffered from early-onset schizophrenia. Determined to help Alex out of his darkness, Anya begins to treat the child. But soon strange and alarming coincidences compel Anya to wonder: Is Alex's condition a cruel trick of the mind? Or is Ruen not so make-believe after all? The reality, it turns out, is more terrifying than anything she has ever encountered. A rich and deeply moving page-turner, *The Boy Who Could See Demons* sets out to challenge the imagination and capture the way life takes unexpected turns. In the best storytelling tradition, it leaves the reader changed. Praise for *The Boy Who Could See Demons* "A well written, engaging read filled with compassion for those suffering the whims of an untamed mental illness . . . A poignant read, *The Boy Who Could See Demons* is a suspenseful novel that probes the issues surrounding the devastating effects of mental illness. The author delves into the psychological issues of schizophrenia and mental disorders with such dexterity it leaves the reader stirred and affected, questioning throughout the story what is real and what is not. . . . As the conclusion draws near, the story takes unexpected turns, making it even more dramatic and compelling."—*New York Journal of Books* "Impressive . . . Jess-Cooke is every bit as skillful in her vivid portrayals of unworldly beings . . . as in illustrating the dreadful toll taken by mental illness."—*Booklist* "A searing novel of suspense."—*Publishers Weekly* "A psychologically complex thriller, told with compassion in a marvelously suspenseful narrative that keeps you engaged from the first page to the last . . . This book has it all: a dark and dangerous setting, characters full of depth, rich emotions, and a clever plot. You'll fall in love with Alex—and his demons."—Chevy Stevens, author of *Still Missing* "Top-notch psychological suspense . . . Beware what you think you know. It might be only the demons talking."—Lisa Gardner, author of *Touch & Go* "Brilliant! Rich with fully formed characters, this heart-gripping novel will keep you riveted from first page to last."—Jeffery Deaver, author of *XO* "Utterly captivating, this is a book I adored and savored from the first to the very last magical page."—Tess Gerritsen, author of *Ice Cold* In this long-awaited sequel to "The Lost Children," con-artist and tough-girl Ida Dorrington journeys to the Unfinished City to find a cure for her inability to age. Stuck in the body of a twelve-year-old, Ida longs to look and feel her true age of sixteen. The Unfinished City is the weirdest place Ida has ever visited—on the same day, every year, a flood destroys the whole town, and odder still, the citizens look forward to it! To Ida's dismay, no one in the Unfinished City wants to explain the mysterious Treatment that could be Ida's remedy. Ida begs, borrows, and steals to get what she wants. Will she be able to set her age right and return to her friends Fergus and Josephine before her scheming and lies catch up with her? If you liked *The Lost Children*, you'll love this harrowing and witty sequel. When twelve-year-old Josephine falls through a worm-hole in her garden shed into another time and place, she realizes the troubles she has at home are minor compared to what she has to tackle now in the world where she has landed. "Well written, often poignant and

surprisingly relatable." - Kirkus Reviews "A hugely readable journey of cultural and spiritual discovery, sparkling with wit and wisdom." - Alister McGrath "Carolyn Weber's memoir reads like a fast-paced novel. I loved the humor, skillful use of language and her compelling account of her steps to finding God at Oxford. I was totally captivated from beginning to end." - Marilyn Meberg

Surprised by Oxford is the memoir of a skeptical agnostic who comes to a dynamic personal faith in God during graduate studies in literature at Oxford University. Carolyn Weber arrives at Oxford a feminist from a loving but broken family, suspicious of men and intellectually hostile to all things religious. As she grapples with her God-shaped void alongside the friends, classmates, and professors she meets, she tackles big questions in search of Truth, love, and a life that matters. From issues of fatherhood, feminism, doubt, doctrine, and love, Weber explores the intricacies of coming to faith with an aching honesty and insight echoing that of the poets and writers she studied. Rich with illustration and literary references, Surprised by Oxford is at once gritty and lyrical; both humorous and spiritually perceptive. This savvy, credible account of Christian conversion and its after-effects follows the calendar year and events of the school year as it entertains, informs, and promises to engage even the most skeptical and unlikely reader. "Surprised by Oxford is a sprightly contribution to the genre of spiritual memoirs in the vein of C.S. Lewis's Surprised by Joy and Lauren F. Winner's Girl Meets God. Carolyn Weber is an unconventional thinker whose engagingly told faith journey will speak to folks who still believe that thoughtful people cannot be Christian." - Lyle W. Dorsett

When her best friends start fighting, Nancy must find a special locket to save the day! Nancy's best friends, Bess and George, may never speak to each other again. It all started because Bess wanted to jump rope. She asked George to hold on to her beautiful heart-shaped locket. George put it in her book bag to keep it safe. But when she went to give it back, the locket was gone! It's a mess of a mystery, but if Nancy Drew can find out where the locket went, she just might be able to get George and Bess to make up! Spanning the mid to late 20th century and set in the Elkhorn Valley of southwestern Montana, The Stone Sister is told from three points of view -- a father's, a nurse's, and a sister's. Together they tell the unforgettable story of a child's birth, disappearance, and finally discovery in a home for "backward children." Robert Carter, a newly married man just back from World War II, struggles with his and his wife's decision to entrust the care of their disabled child to an institution and "move on" with family life. Louise Gustafson, a Midwestern nurse who starts over with a new life in the West, finds herself caring for a child everyone else has abandoned. And Elizabeth Carter, a young journalist, uncovers the family secret of her lost sister as she struggles with starting a family of her own. The Stone Sister explores the power of family secrets and society's evolving definitions of "normal"--as it pertains to family, medicine, and social structure. The novel sheds light on the beginnings of the disability justice movement as it follows one family's journey to reckon with a painful past. Incredibly, the novel is based on Caroline Patterson's personal story. As an adult, she discovered she had an older sister with Down syndrome who had been written out of her family history. In fact, that sister's name was also Caroline Patterson. FROM THE AUTHOR OF INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER ESCAPE At the age of 18, Carolyn Jessop was forced to marry a 50-year-old stranger and religious cult member. She became one of six wives and bore him eight children in 15 years. When the cult started preaching death and destruction, she knew she and her children had to escape. Carolyn Jessop's extraordinary story as part of the fundamentalist Mormon church in the US was chronicled in her

international bestseller Escape. Three years on, Carolyn has written Triumph, an inspirational guide which will help anyone overcome adversity and hardship to achieve their dreams. With the right tools, we can all face our fears and redefine our relationships with those who have hurt us. 'A truly wonderful story of bravery and courage . . . I could not put it down' Reader Review 'An absolutely inspiring woman' Reader Review 'This is an amazing book which I'll be thinking about for a long time' Reader Review A "beautifully written" dark fable from a doll's point of view—by the New York Times—bestselling author of The Lost Daughter and the Neapolitan Novels (The Washington Post). One of NPR's Best Books of the Year. Readers of Elena Ferrante's The Lost Daughter may recall the little doll—lost or stolen—around which that novel revolves. Here, Ferrante retells the tale from the doll's perspective. Celina is having a terrible night, one full of jealousy for the new kitten, Minù; feelings of abandonment and sadness; misadventures at the hands of the beach attendant; and dark dreams. But she will be happily found by Mati, her child, once the sun rises . . . "Everyone should read anything with Ferrante's name on it." —The Boston Globe

What do a suburban mom, her troubled daughter, divorced brothers, former child stars, born-again Christians, and young millionaires have in common? They have all been selected to compete on Lost and Found, the daring new reality show. In teams of two, they will race across the globe -- from Egypt to England, from Japan to Sweden -- to battle for a million-dollar prize. They must decipher encrypted clues, recover mysterious artifacts, and outwit their opponents to stay in play. Yet what started as a lark turns deadly serious as the number of players is whittled down, temptations beckon, and the bonds between partners strain and unravel. The question now is not only who will capture the final prize, but at what cost. In Victorian Cornwall, a doctor risks her marriage to fight for female asylum patients: "One of the most memorable heroines of recent fiction " (The Times, London). Shortlisted for the Wellcome Book Prize for Historical Fiction Ally Moberley, a recently qualified doctor, never expected to marry until she met architect Tom Cavendish. But only weeks into their marriage, Tom sets out for Japan, leaving Ally as she begins work at the Truro Asylum in Cornwall. Horrified by the brutal attitudes of male doctors and nurses toward their female patients, Ally plunges into the institutional politics of women's mental health at a time when madness is only just being imagined as treatable. She has to contend with a longstanding tradition of permanently institutionalizing women who are deemed difficult, all the while fighting to be taken seriously in a profession dominated by men. Meanwhile, Tom is overseeing the building of lighthouses, and has a commission from a wealthy collector to bring back embroideries and woodwork. As he travels Japan in search of these enchanting objects, he begins to question the value of the life he left in England. As Ally becomes increasingly absorbed in the moral importance of her work, and Tom pursues his interests on the other side of the world, they will return to each other as different people. From the blustery coast of Western England to the landscape of Japan, Signs for Lost Children offers a "fine exploration of marriage and the complex minds of 'lost children'—that is, all of us" (The New York Times Book Review). "Compelling . . . A quietly devastating portrait of the way identity crumbles when you've nothing, or no one, to pin it to." —The Guardian

When several dogs, including her own, are suddenly missing, Nancy suspects the existence of a dognapping ring in the community. The conclusion to the young adult dystopian series, Time Zero. Noah Green has never had a pet, unlike her best friend Carlos, and she wants a dog more than anything. When Noah finds a mysterious critter at a garage sale, she can't believe her parents let her buy it. But her new pet won't stop

growing or making mischief, leaving Noah with both a mystery and a dilemma. Twelve-year-old Josephine Russing lives alone with her father. Mr. Russing is a distant, cold man best known for his insistence that every member of their town wear gloves at all times, just as he does--even at home--and just as he forces his daughter to do as well. Then one day Josephine meets a boy named Fargus. But when she tries to follow him, he mysteriously disappears and Josephine finds herself in another world called Gulm. Gulm is ruled by the "Master," a terrifying villain who has taken all the children of Gulm. With Fargus by her side, and joined by Fargus's friend Ida, Josephine must try to find her way home. As the trio attempt to evade the Master, they encounter numerous adventures and discover the surprising truth about the land of Gulm, and Josephine's own life back home. On a cold winter day, a curious dog wandered onto a frozen river, and before he knew it he was traveling fast on a sheet of ice. Many people tried to help, but the dog could not be reached. Finally, after two nights and seventy-five miles, the little dog was saved by a ship out in the Baltic Sea. The gallant rescue of the little dog nicknamed *Baltic* made international news. Mônica Carnesi's simple text and charming watercolor illustrations convey all the drama of *Baltic's* journey. His story, with its happy ending, will warm readers' hearts. An author's note and map are included. Award-winning author Carolyn Cohagan and her mother, painter Lynn Cohagan, have created a wholly original book of creative writing prompts paired with spellbinding artwork which spark imagination and fuel storytelling. The book provides jumping off points, and children of any age will love writing the stories it inspires. Nancy, Bess, and George are vacationing in beautiful Big Sur on the rugged California coastline. But soon after they check into the Opa Tourist Lodge, their cottage is ransacked, and Nancy makes a startling discovery: The popular tourist retreat is also a hotbed of deception and crime! Her investigation leads from the magnificent Caine Castle straight to the heart of a dark mystery. Deep underground lies a labyrinth of caves—the site, according to rumor, of a treasure in gold. But someone wants the truth behind the legend to stay buried forever, and the deeper Nancy digs, the more perilous her search becomes! **NEW YORK TIMES 10 BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR** • “An epic road trip [that also] captures the unruly intimacies of marriage and parenthood ... This is a novel that daylight our common humanity, and challenges us to reconcile our differences.” —*The Washington Post* In Valeria Luiselli's fiercely imaginative follow-up to the American Book Award-winning *Tell Me How It Ends*, an artist couple set out with their two children on a road trip from New York to Arizona in the heat of summer. As the family travels west, the bonds between them begin to fray: a fracture is growing between the parents, one the children can almost feel beneath their feet. Through ephemera such as songs, maps and a Polaroid camera, the children try to make sense of both their family's crisis and the larger one engulfing the news: the stories of thousands of kids trying to cross the southwestern border into the United States but getting detained—or lost in the desert along the way. A breath-taking feat of literary virtuosity, *Lost Children Archive* is timely, compassionate, subtly hilarious, and formally inventive—a powerful, urgent story about what it is to be human in an inhuman world. Stella greets Christopher when he shrinks and falls through the cracks in the school floor due to boredom. The two decide to look around and discover some classrooms where children are actively participating in their education and enjoying learning. “[A] provocative page-turner.” —*People* “In Parkhurst's deft treatment, *Harmony* becomes a story of our time. . . Parkhurst cements herself as a writer capable of astonishing humanity and exquisite prose.” —*Washington Post* “Gorgeously written and patently

original.” —Jodi Picoult, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Leaving Time* From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Dogs of Babel*, a taut, emotionally wrenching story of how a seemingly "normal" family could become desperate enough to leave everything behind and move to a "family camp" in New Hampshire--a life-changing experience that alters them forever. How far will a mother go to save her family? The Hammond family is living in DC, where everything seems to be going just fine, until it becomes clear that the oldest daughter, Tilly, is developing abnormally--a mix of off-the-charts genius and social incompetence. Once Tilly--whose condition is deemed undiagnosable--is kicked out of the last school in the area, her mother Alexandra is out of ideas. The family turns to Camp Harmony and the wisdom of child behavior guru Scott Bean for a solution. But what they discover in the woods of New Hampshire will push them to the very limit. Told from the alternating perspectives of both Alexandra and her younger daughter Iris (the book's Nick Carraway), this is a unputdownable story about the strength of love, the bonds of family, and how you survive the unthinkable. AT A TRAVELING ANTIQUES SHOW, NANCY'S APPRAISING BURGLARIES, FRAUD, AND A GREEDY THIEF! While visiting Chicago, Nancy, Bess, and George bring some items to the Old Can Be Gold show to see what they're worth, just for fun. In George's old tape recorder, a dealer finds a rare early tape by a famous rock group. But before George can get it insured, it's stolen -- like many other items brought to the show! From a luxury condo on Lake Shore Drive to a hot blues club, Nancy discovers a mix of suspects. There's a seedy dealer, an ambitious publicist with access to the show's database, a talented singer in need of money, and drop-dead gorgeous twin brothers, one a top appraiser and the other a gifted photographer. Nancy's got to wind up the case -- before a desperate con artist erases her for good! Featuring interactive elements on each spread, offers a glimpse into the world of Nancy Drew highlighting her favorite mysteries. I'm always up for a good mystery, but when the big question is what I should get Dad for his birthday, I don't have a clue! And then another mystery comes my way -- one that involves Heather Simmons, a leading candidate in the upcoming election for mayor of River Heights. My friends and I are pretty sure that her daughter Leslie, musician extraordinaire, has been kidnapped. But the thing is, nobody is saying a word about it! It's hard to crack a case like this when no one will even admit that one exists. But I won't let a little thing like that stop me when I smell trouble.... Betsy is scared about going to first grade, but it turns out school is a great place. She learns about tadpoles and the true meaning of Thanksgiving, makes new friends, and has more fun than she'd ever imagined. Carolyn Haywood's stories about her irrepressible character Betsy have never been out of print, and now, thanks to dynamic new covers, the Betsy books will find their way onto the bookshelves of modern young readers--and into the hearts of a whole new generation. When children experience upheaval and trauma, adults often view them as either vulnerable and helpless or as resilient and able to easily "bounce back." But the reality is far more complex for the children and youth whose lives are suddenly upended by disaster. How are children actually affected by catastrophic events and how do they cope with the damage and disruption? *Children of Katrina* offers one of the only long-term, multiyear studies of young people following disaster. Sociologists Alice Fothergill and Lori Peek spent seven years after Hurricane Katrina interviewing and observing several hundred children and their family members, friends, neighbors, teachers, and other caregivers. In this book, they focus intimately on seven children between the ages of three and eighteen, selected because they exemplify the varied experiences of the larger group. They find that

children followed three different post-disaster trajectories—declining, finding equilibrium, and fluctuating—as they tried to regain stability. The children’s moving stories illuminate how a devastating disaster affects individual health and well-being, family situations, housing and neighborhood contexts, schooling, peer relationships, and extracurricular activities. This work also demonstrates how outcomes were often worse for children who were vulnerable and living in crisis before the storm. Fothergill and Peek clarify what kinds of assistance children need during emergency response and recovery periods, as well as the individual, familial, social, and structural factors that aid or hinder children in getting that support. Nancy and her friends Bess and George tour the dangerous waters off the coast of Alaska on a posh new ship’s maiden voyage, a journey that is overshadowed by a series of deaths and near-misses that reveal the work of a saboteur. Using the perspectives of social and cultural history, and the history of psychology and physiology, *Strange Dislocations* traces a search for the self, for a past that is lost and gone, and the ways in which, over the last hundred years, the lost vision has come to assume the form of a child. How do you recover when half your neighbours are dead from history’s cruellest plague? In 14th century Meonbridge, after the Black Death moves on, tensions between the manor’s lord and his tenants deepen into violence. When the men can’t find a resolution, the women must step forward to stop Meonbridge tearing itself apart. The astonishing untold history of the million and a half women who surrendered children for adoption due to enormous family and social pressure in the decades before *Roe v. Wade*. “It would take a heart of stone not to be moved by the oral histories of these women and by the courage and candor with which they express themselves.” —*The Washington Post* “A remarkably well-researched and accomplished book.” —*The New York Times Book Review* “A wrenching, riveting book.” —*Chicago Tribune* In this deeply moving and myth-shattering work, Ann Fessler brings out into the open for the first time the hidden social history of adoption before *Roe v. Wade* - and its lasting legacy. An adoptee who was herself surrendered during those years and recently made contact with her mother, Ann Fessler brilliantly brings to life the voices of more than a hundred women, as well as the spirit of those times, allowing the women to tell their stories in gripping and intimate detail. "A story of family and the legacy of war full of subtle details about life in contemporary Vietnam. . . .Binh’s dreams will resonate with all young readers." -- KIRKUS REVIEWS (Ages 8-12) Every day nine-year-old Binh sells fruit and sodas to the girls whose families can afford to send them to school, and every night she returns to her one-room home to share a simple meal with her family. Everything changes, however, when her grandmother tells Binh she had a daughter during the war, a child who was sent away to America as a little girl. Now Di Hai -- Binh’s aunt, a teacher -- is coming to visit, and Binh can’t help but wonder what luxurious gifts she will bring. Yet when Di Hai arrives, there are so many confusing things about her: she’s taller than the men, she’s not married, and her presents are mere trinkets that could have come from Third Aunt’s tourist shop! Still, Binh secretly hopes Di Hai will take her to live in America. Can her aunt live up to her expectations? Carolyn Marsden tells Binh’s story with warmth and sensitivity as she ushers readers into the life and dreams of a young Vietnamese girl.

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