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After their violin teacher is attacked, two sisters stumble on dark secrets from her girlhood in France during World War II. Elsie and Mary's lives are changed when they meet Miss Fitch, a fascinating Frenchwoman who makes her living teaching children the violin. She seems to be everything an instructor should be: stern when her students are slacking; inspiring when they lose heart. She knows how to make her young players believe in themselves. Mary is captivated, though she has no talent for the violin. Her sister Elsie is the natural musician in the family, but suddenly Elsie quits without explanation. Not long after Elsie stops going to lessons, Miss Fitch is attacked in her home. As the girls look more closely at their teacher, they learn that the past can rise up to wreak havoc on even those whose lives seem most exemplary. This ebook features a personal history by Janet Taylor Lisle including rare images and never-before-seen documents from the author's own collection.

Here Where the Sunbeams Are Green

'The Little White Horse was my favourite childhood book. I absolutely adored it. It had a cracking plot. It was scary and romantic in parts and had a feisty heroine.' - JK Rowling - The BooksellerWinner of the Carnegie Medal in 1946 and J.K. Rowling's favourite childhood book. This bestselling favourite fantasy classic is 'one of the most of the most magical stories in the world.' - The Independent. This is the story of a thirteen-year-old orphan, a Moon Princess, and a mysterious white horse. Maria Merryweather, a plain London orphan, is sent to Moonacre Manor to live with her only surviving relative, Sir Benjamin. Her initial sense of comfort starts to crumble when she learns an ancient mystery haunts Moonacre Manor and all who live in Moonacre Valley. With the help of her new friend Robin, can Maria right the wrongs of her ancestors and finally restore the peace to Moonacre Valley before it's too late? Beautiful, thrilling, and magical, The Little White Horse is a timeless classic.

The Dancing Cats of Applesap

It is spring 1929, and Prohibition is in full swing. So when Ruben and Jeddy find a dead body washed up on the shore of their small coastal Rhode Island town, they are sure it has something to do with smuggling liquor. Soon the boys, along with Jeddy's strongwilled sister, Marina, are drawn in, suspected by rival bootlegging gangs of taking something crucial off the dead man. Then Ruben meets the daring captain of the Black Duck, the most elusive smuggling craft of them all, and it isn't long before he's caught in a war between two of the most dangerous prohibition gangs. "Riveting mystery and nonstop adventure." --School Library Journal

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"The Wynns are an unforgettable family. The details of their struggle to survive the Great Depression will linger long after the last page has been read."--Ann M. Martin, winner of the Newbery Honor for A Corner of the Universe A stunning debut novel about the true meaning of home Sadie Wynn doesn't want a new life; her old one suits her just fine. But times are hard in drought-plagued Missouri, and Daddy thinks they'll be better off in Texas. Sadie hates this strange new place, where even children must work at the cannery to help make ends meet and people are rude to her disabled father. Yet when trouble comes, it is the kindness of these new neighbors that helps the family make it through. And no one helps more than Dollie, a red-headed chatterbox of a girl who just might become a good friend-if Sadie gives her half a chance. The Truth About Sparrows is a 2005 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year.

Quicksand Pond

A collection of four short stories based on the Virals series from New York Times bestselling authors, Kathy Reichs and Brendan Reichs! Fans of the Virals series will be thrilled with this companion volume that includes three short stories originally published as eSpecials as well as an all-new, never-before-seen Virals adventure! Shift, Swipe, Shock and the new story Spike give further glimpses of the Virals' world as they work with Tory's famous great aunt, Temperance Brennan, to solve more mysteries, take look at where it all started before they became Virals, and get to the bottom of an attempted sabotage at Kit and Whitney's wedding.

The Art of Keeping Cool

'An intrepid explorer, young Rebecca ventures into the forest in search of an ovenbird, a warbler reputed to be the wizard of the woods. Readers follow Rebecca's progress through the day discovering the secrets of the spring foliage and learning much about the temperate forest and its inhabitants.' -BL.

The Gold Dust Letters

While searching for her fairy godmother, a young girl uncovers a world of magic. It starts with chocolates. Dreaming of a box of chocolates that never empties, Angela writes a letter to her fairy godmother asking for one. To her surprise, the fairy writes back! A letter appears on her mantelpiece from "Pilaria of the Kingdom of the Faeries," written on ancient parchment with purple ink, and covered in a gold dust that vanishes as soon as it flies into the air. Is this really a letter from the land of magic? And if so, what does it mean? Angela and her two best friends begin investigating the mystery, searching Angela's house for clues. But out of the blue, more letters appear on Angela's mantelpiece. Pilaria is lonesome, and as curious about the girls' world as they are about her kingdom. What they learn from their correspondence with this enchanting godmother will change everything they know about magic and reality-forever. This ebook features a personal history by Janet Taylor Lisle including rare images and never-before-seen documents from the author's own collection.

The Great Dimpole Oak

Maddie Fynn is a shy high school junior cursed with an eerie intuitive ability that's out of her control -- one that entangles her in a homicide investigation. For as long as she can remember, Maddie has seen a series of unique digits hovering above the foreheads of each person she encounters. Her earliest memories are marked by these numbers, but it takes her father's premature death for Maddie and her family to realize that these mysterious digits are actually deathdates, and just like birthdays, everyone has one. Forced by her alcoholic mother to use her ability to make extra money, Maddie identifies the quickly approaching deathdate of one client's young son, but because her ability only allows her to see the when and not the how, she's unable to offer any more insight. When the boy goes missing on that exact date, law enforcement turns to Maddie. Soon, Maddie is entangled in a homicide investigation, and more young people disappear and are later found murdered. A suspect for the investigation, a target for the murderer, and attracting the attentions of a mysterious young admirer who may be connected to it all, Maddie's whole existence is about to be turned upside down. Can she right things before it's too late?

The Misadventures of Maude March

In "this enchanting story about friendship," two fourth grade girls discover a magical world hidden in one's backyard (Publishers Weekly). No fourth grader trusts Sara-Kate Connolly. Her boots are dirty, her clothes are weird, and she's so maladjusted that the school had to hold her back a grade. But Hillary is her next-door neighbor, and can't say no when the unusual loner invites her over to play. In Sara-Kate's overgrown backyard, Hillary will find proof of a world of magic-the kind that can only blossom between true friends. Among the rusted car parts and wild plants, a miniature village has sprung up. It has tiny houses made from string, sticks, and maple leaves; a well with a bottlecap for a bucket; and even a little playground with a Popsicle-stick Ferris wheel. But there's absolutely no sign of who built this miniature world. To Sara-Kate, the answer is clear-only elves could be responsible for something so enchanted. As she and Hillary watch for their elusive new friends, they learn that friendship, like magic, springs up where you least expect it. This ebook features a personal history by Janet Taylor Lisle including rare images and never-before-seen documents from the author's own collection.

Highway Cats

When their best friend changes drastically, the Investigators suspect extraterrestrial trouble. Georgina and Poco should not be climbing an apple tree in the dark. But Poco, who talks to animals, has recently developed a serious crush on a robin, and she gets worried when the bird doesn't return to his nest one night. Poco convinces her friend to come with her to check on the nest, and while they're peering through the tree branches, they see strange glowing objects in the sky. The array of lights can only mean one thing: aliens. The next morning, Poco's robin returns and, more importantly, so does Angela. Angela had been the girls' best friend before moving to Mexico a year ago, but she comes back totally changed. Before, she was

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short, chatty, and imaginative. Now she is tall, sullen, and cold. When Georgina reminds her of their former club, the Investigators of the Unknown, Angela shrugs her off. Paco and Georgina realize that the aliens have claimed their first victim, and they will have to move fast to save their friend. This ebook features a personal history by Janet Taylor Lisle including rare images and never-before-seen documents from the author's own collection.

The Goodbye Season

An ancient oak tree has seen glory and tragedy—but nothing quite as spectacular as the showdown that's brewing. For nearly a thousand years, the Dimpole Oak has towered over this small East Coast town, witnessing the passage of history: duels and revolution, lovers' trysts and traitors' hangings, victory parades and midnight conspiracies. The farmer who owns the land beneath the tree likes to tell stories of the murders and witch trials that took place in its shade. Local children play on the oak's great roots and dig for buried treasure. The townsfolk plan a Dimpole Oak Day to celebrate their landmark. Meanwhile, far away in India, a swami has a holy vision of the oak, and begins a journey to find it. Back in Dimpole, two boys take inspiration from the blackguards and pirates of the old farmer's tales, and challenge a local bully to a confrontation under the oak. As all these plots and plans converge, the mighty oak stands ready to witness another grand event. This ebook features a personal history by Janet Taylor Lisle including rare images and never-before-seen documents from the author's own collection.

Trace Evidence

Times are hard in Depression-era Georgia mountain country. Even so, fourteen-year-old Halley Owenby, her younger brother, Robbie, and their parents, Jim and Kate, manage to get by until Jim dies suddenly in an accident, and Kate decides she and her children have no choice but to move in with her parents. Like her father, Halley has never cared for her grandparents. Her grandfather Franklin is a fire-and-brimstone fundamentalist preacher who runs a strict and joyless household. A miserly tyrant, he claims any money the women in his household earn. Even their mail he considers his to read first. Waiting for the Rapture, when Jesus will return, may suit her grandparents and many others of the same faith, but Halley wants more. She yearns for some control of her own life. She longs for an education, which she firmly believes would eventually allow choices. Little does she suspect that such dreams might actually come true.

Looking for Juliette

I looked and saw water rushing in from Galveston Bay on one side and from the gulf on the other. The two seas met in the middle of Broadway, swirling over the wooden paving blocks, and I couldn't help but shudder at the sight. All of Galveston appeared to be under water. Galveston, Texas, may be the booming city of the brand-new twentieth century, but to Seth, it is the end of a dream. He longs to be a carpenter like his father, but his family has moved to Galveston so he can go to a good school. Still, the last few weeks of summer might not be so bad. Seth has a real job as a builder and the beach is within walking distance. Things seem to be looking up, until a storm warning is raised one sweltering afternoon. No one could have imagined anything like this. Giant walls of water crash in from the sea. Shingles and bricks are deadly missiles flying through the air. People not hit by flying debris are swept away by rushing water. Forget the future, Seth and his family will be lucky to survive the next twenty-four hours. *Dark Water Rising* is a 2007 Bank Street – Best Children's Book of the Year.

Code Orange

Years afterwards, Ruben Hart tells the story of how, in 1929 Newport, Rhode Island, his family and his best friend's family were caught up in the violent competition among groups trying to control the local rum-smuggling trade. An ALA Best Book for Young Adults. Reprint.

Last in a Long Line of Rebels

While conducting research for a school paper on smallpox, Mitty finds an envelope containing 100-year-old smallpox scabs and fears that he has infected himself and all of New York City.

The Lampfish of Twill

A tattered ballet slipper found under the floorboards of Braithwaite Manor may be the key to Clara's sinister family secrets in this delightful, lightly Gothic mystery for fans of Maryrose Wood and Claire Legrand. Clara Starling lives a life of dull rules, deadly routine, and flavorless meals under her cold uncle's strict regime—until the day Uncle disappears, leaving Clara alone in his old mansion. When streetwise orphan Peter and his rescue cat arrive unexpectedly, the children seize the chance to live by their own rules. But when the pair's wild romps through the halls of Braithwaite Manor reveal a single, worn ballet slipper, they are hurled into a mystery that will lead to London's glittering Royal Opera House and the unraveling of twisted Starling family secrets of poison, passion, and murder. Diabolical villains, plucky orphans, and glamorous ballet stars populate this absorbing adventure with a classic feel.

Ashes

On the unforgiving coast of Twill, a boy is sucked into a fantastic adventure. The country of Twill has a notoriously treacherous coastline: rough, rocky, and primed for shipwrecks and drownings. In the salt-scarred port town of Twickham, the locals are dependent on fishing. Everyone pitches in, devising new ways to catch fish and crabs without falling prey to the dangerous rocks and waves. Of all the fish that dart around their deadly shore, none is more prized than the lampfish, a glowing creature whose bones provide the hooks that sustain life on Twill. It takes a group of men to land a lampfish, but once in a lifetime, a hero comes along who can do it single-handed. And Eric wants to be the next champion. Eric, an orphan since infancy, has become mesmerized by the swirling Cantrip's Spout—a deadly whirlpool where he has recently spotted a colossal lampfish. Trying to catch that glowing beast will take him on a magnificent journey into the sea and beyond, deep into the darkest parts of himself. This ebook features a personal history by Janet Taylor Lisle including rare images and never-before-seen documents from the author's own collection.

The Zero Degree Zombie Zone

Years afterwards, Ruben Hart tells the story of how, in 1929 Newport, Rhode Island, his family and his best friend's family were caught up in the violent competition among groups trying to control the local rum-smuggling trade. An ALA Best Book for Young Adults. Reprint.

Are You Experienced?

Sirens and Spies

The Crying Rocks

When the city of Zollicoffer, Tennessee, where her family lives, announces plans to seize their one hundred seventy-five year old house through eminent domain, twelve-year-old Louise Mayhew needs to come up with a way to save it—and her ancestor's Civil War diary linking the house to the Underground Railroad, as well as a hidden treasure, seem to offer her family the best chance of saving their home.

The Lost Flower Children

Sisters, Madeline and Ruby, travel to a Central American jungle to help find their missing father, a renowned bird watcher, only to discover a nefarious plot that puts their lives in danger.

Halley

When three kittens are carelessly thrown off the back of a truck, none of the highway cats know what to make of them. They seem to have some sort of appeal—an energy, even—that Khalia Koo, Jolly Roger and the rest of the mangy, feral cats don't understand. But there are bigger issues to figure out when the bulldozers start coming, threatening to demolish the cats' homes as well as other historical landmarks. Can three little kittens be the answer to save the town? Illustrated with striking silhouettes, here is a spirited and original environmental story from Newbery Honor winner Janet Taylor Lisle about finding help—and hope—in the smallest, most unlikely of places.

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Addison Cooke and the Treasure of the Incas

Two grieving sisters resolve to break a spell cast by evil fairies 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.

The Little White Horse

Newbery Honor winner Janet Taylor Lisle's gorgeous and profound new novel about a pivotal summer in two girls' lives explores the convictions we form, the judgments we make, and the values we hold. The pond is called Quicksand Pond. It's a shadowy, hidden place, full of chirping, shrieking, croaking life. It's where, legend has it, people disappear. It's where scrappy Terri Carr lives with her no-good family. And it's where twelve-year-old Jessie Kettel is reluctantly spending her summer vacation. Jessie meets Terri right away, on a raft out in the water, and the two become fast friends. On Quicksand Pond, Jessie and Terri can be lost to the outside world—lost until they want to be found. But a tragedy that occurred many decades ago has had lingering effects on this sleepy town, and especially on Terri Carr. And the more Jessie learns, the more she begins to question her new friendship—and herself.

Afternoon of the Elves

Poco is horrified when Angela's cat disappears while under her watch. Is magic involved? Together, Angela, Poco, and Georgina have investigated some peculiar happenings. They are just on the verge of a major magical breakthrough when Angela's father moves to Mexico, taking Angela and breaking up the trio of friends. As consolation, Angela gives Poco her cat, Juliette, to care for and talk to while she's gone. Talking to animals is Poco's special skill, but no words can stop Juliette from running into the street in front of a car. Though she survives the accident, Juliette vanishes, and it will take a miracle to find her. With the help of Walter Kew, a secretive boy in her class, and his Ouija board, Poco scans the neighborhood. When all mystical signs point to Miss Bone, the strange old spinster who's been taking care of Angela's house, Poco is quick to face her fears. She'll do anything for Angela—and for Juliette. This ebook features a personal history by Janet Taylor Lisle including rare images and never-before-seen documents from the author's own collection.

The Summer of Broken Things

In search of the truth about his heritage, Walter only finds more mystery. Walter Kew has grown up without a past. Orphaned since birth and raised by his grandparents, he knows nothing about his parents, who died in an accident. Obsessively curious about the mother he never knew, he turns to the occult, using Ouija boards, crystal balls, and spells to reach out to the other world. But he's never had any luck—until now. Walking home from school, Walter hears what he thinks is his mother's voice—faint, but very real. Although he can't quite understand her words, he's convinced she's trying to tell him something. With his friends Georgina and Poco, he looks for clues. Their quest takes them to a statue of the Little Match Girl in the park, where infant Walter was once photographed with his mother. As the three investigators chase the mystery, Walter will learn more about his past—and his present—than he ever thought possible. This ebook features a personal history by Janet Taylor Lisle including rare images and never-before-seen documents from the author's own collection.

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On the payroll as an assistant to her coroner father, seventeen-year-old Cameryn Mahoney uses her knowledge of forensic medicine to catch the killer of a friend while putting herself in terrible danger.

The Case of the Girl in Grey (The Wollstonecraft Detective Agency, Book 2)

From Newbery Honor author Janet Taylor Lisle comes a lyrical story about one girl's discovery of her startling past—and her search to understand her complicated present. Joelle's height and dark skin set her apart from everyone in Marshfield. It's no secret that she's adopted, but where is she from? Aunt Mary Louise says she came from Chicago on a freight train, but the story doesn't sit right with Joelle. There's something more. She feels it. Carlos, the quiet boy in Joelle's Spanish class, sees it. When he tells her that she looks like a girl in the town library's old mural of Narragansett Indians, Joelle can't help sneaking a look. She's surprised by a flicker of recognition. And when Carlos tells her about the Crying Rocks, where the ghosts of Narragansett children are said to cry for their lost mothers, Joelle knows she must visit them. When they finally set out through the forest, neither she nor Carlos anticipates the power of the ancient place, or the revelations to be found there—about the pasts they've both buried, and the discovery of a rare kind of courage that runs deep in Joelle's family.

When

This history-mystery series continues with another fine display of brains and bravery from the Wollstonecraft Girls—Ada Bryon Lovelace and Mary Shelley. Inspired fun for middle grade readers and fans of The Mysterious Benedict Society and Lemony Snicket! The Wollstonecraft Detective Agency was supposed to be a secret constabulary, but after the success of their first case, all of London knows that Lady Ada and Mary are the girls to go to if you have a problem. Their new case is a puzzle indeed. It involves a horrible hospital, a missing will, a hasty engagement, and a suspiciously slippery servant. But Mary's stumbled onto a mystery of her own. She spotted a ghostly girl in a grey gown dashing through the park. A girl who is the spitting image of their new client. The two cases must be linked . . . or else there's a perfectly supernatural explanation.

One Day in the Woods

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Letters From Wolfie

From New York Times bestselling author Margaret Peterson Haddix comes a novel about friendship and what it really means to be a family in the face of lies and betrayal. Fourteen-year-old Avery Armisted is athletic, rich, and pretty. Sixteen-year-old Kayla Butts is known as "butt-girl" at school. The two girls were friends as little kids, but that's ancient history now. So it's a huge surprise when Avery's father offers to bring Kayla along on a summer trip to Spain. Avery is horrified that her father thinks he can choose her friends—and make her miss soccer camp. Kayla struggles just to imagine leaving the confines of her small town. But in Spain, the two uncover a secret their families had hidden from both of them their entire lives. Maybe the girls can put aside their differences and work through it together. Or maybe the lies and betrayal will only push them—and their families—farther apart. Margaret Peterson Haddix weaves together two completely separate lives in this engaging novel that explores what it really means to be a family—and what to do when it's all falling apart.

The Truth About Sparrows

Mark's dog Wolfie is part malamute, part German shepherd, and all heart. Mark can hardly imagine life without his big, loving canine companion. But in 1969, the Vietnam War is still raging, and when Mark learns that the army needs scout dogs, he decides to send Wolfie. As his dad says, a smart dog like Wolfie could save a lot of soldiers—soldiers like Mark's brother, Danny. Besides, it seems like the patriotic thing to do. Inspired by real events, this is a heartbreaking story about sacrifice, loyalty, and the complex meanings of patriotism.

A Message from the Match Girl

After 12-year-old Addison Cooke's uncle unearths ancient Incan secrets in Peru, he is kidnapped by a shadowy organization intent on stealing the treasure unless Addison and his friends can decipher the clues first in this funny, kid-friendly adventure series.

Dark Water Rising

In Canton, Texas, seventeen-year-old Mercy's dreams of a different life than her mother's are postponed by harsh circumstances, including the influenza epidemic of 1918-19, which forces her into doing domestic work for a loving, if troubled, family.

Angela's Aliens

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In a forgotten small town, one girl and a hundred cats are about to do something spectacular Applesap is a small town smack dab in the middle of New York state, and beyond that geographical oddity, there isn't much special about it. It has a dress shop, a run-down movie theater, and two old-fashioned drug stores: Jiggs' and the Super Queen. But nobody goes to Jiggs'. The roof is leaky, the seats are sticky, and the flies have built a kingdom around the soda fountain. Worst of all are the cats--hundreds of strays who wander in off the street to make the store their home. Jiggs' is a place for creatures who want to hide from the world, and so it is perfect for Melba. A shy young girl who's too timid to talk to other children, Melba makes Jiggs' her home-away-from-home. As the old store nears bankruptcy, Melba comes up with a wild plan that will save the pharmacy, make Applesap famous, and change her life forever. This ebook features a personal history by Janet Taylor Lisle including rare images and never-before-seen documents from the author's own collection.

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Thirteen-year-old Gabriella Schramm's favorite pastime is reading. With Adolf Hitler slowly but unstoppably rising to power, Gaby turns to her books for comfort while the world around her changes dramatically: The streets become filled with soldiers, Gaby's sister's boyfriend raises his arm in a heil Hitler salute, and the Schramm's family friend Albert Einstein flees the country. When Gaby's beloved books come under attack, she fears she may have to leave behind the fiction--and the life--she has always cherished.

The Christopher Killer

Rich is fifteen and plays guitar. When his girlfriend asks him to perform at protest rally, he jumps at the chance. Unfortunately, the police show up, and so does Rich's dad. He's in big trouble. Again. To make matters worse, this happens near the anniversary of his uncle's death from a drug overdose years ago. Rich's dad always gets depressed this time of year, but whenever Rich asks questions about his late uncle, his dad shuts down. Frustrated by his dad's silence, Rich sneaks into his office and breaks into a locked cabinet that holds his dad's prized possession: an electric guitar signed by Jimi Hendrix. Before he knows it, Rich is transported to the side of a road in Upstate New York with a beautiful girl bending over him. It will take him a while to realize it's 1969, he's at Woodstock, and the girl's band of friends includes his fifteen-year-old dad and his uncle, who's still alive. In Are You Experienced? by Jordan Sonnenblick, what Rich learns, who he meets, and what he does could change his life forever.

The Secret Starling

In the spirit of Tony Abbott's UNDERWORLD books, comes the new kid on the block - Barkari Katari Johnson! Shy fourth-grader Bakari Katari Johnson is having a bad day. He's always coming up against Tariq Thomas, the most popular kid in their class, and today is no different. On top of that, Bakari has found a strange ring that appears to have magical powers--and the people from the ring's fantastical other world want it back! Can Bakari and his best friend Wardell stave off the intruders' attempts, keep the ring safe, and stand up to Tariq and his pal Keisha, all before the school bell rings? Media celebrity and Essence Magazine entertainment producer, Patrik Henry Bass delivers adventure, fun, fantasy and friendship in this illustrated action-packed adventure starring an African American boy hero and his classmates.

Afternoon of the Elves

Eleven-year-old Sallie March is a whip-smart tomboy and voracious reader of Western adventure novels. When she and her sister Maude escape their self-serving guardians for the wilds of the frontier, they begin an adventure the likes of which Sallie has only read about. This time however, the "wanted woman" isn't a dime-novel villain, it's Sallie's very own sister! What follows is not the lies the papers printed, but the honest-to-goodness truth of how two sisters went from being orphans to being outlaws--and lived to tell the tale!

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