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When Love Comes with Wings

Die Sache mit der Liebe und den Flügeln

review

Thirteen-year-old Meeri Ehrlich is having a difficult time. She misses her deceased mother terribly, but her father is already trying to find a new wife; her younger brother is being picked on by the village gang; and Meeri has fallen head-over-heels in love with her nextdoor neighbour Rocco, who has eyes only for his girlfriend.

Meeri's love for Rocco reveals to her an amazing family secret: falling in love comes with the gift of flight. Soon Meeri is unable to speak to Rocco or stand near him without accidentally taking off! Although this is initially alarming – not to mention awkward at parties – she soon learns to control her flight and to use it to her advantage. But as long as her love remains unrequited, she will always fly alone.

Between her attempts to sabotage her father's new relationships, watching out for her brother and dreaming up ever crazier ways of propositioning Rocco, Meeri has a lot of things to juggle. It takes a while for her to notice Rocco's shy younger brother Matti – and to discover that when love is mutual, it gives you both wings!

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