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Rushton has long entertained and advised teenagers in her books and magazine articles: this collaboration with Schindler continues that tradition. Ellie and Rieke meet at a performing arts summer camp in France and become rivals for the affections of Marc, and unscrupulous French boy who has been dating them both. On their return home, they quarrel venomously by e-mail but their correspondence takes on a new dimension when deeper problems are revealed. Rieke's father has become a compulsive gambler and she is pregnant after her relationship with Marc. Ellie has an unstable step-father and she is haunted by the guilt of inadvertently playing a part in the accident which crippled her step-sister. Through their e-mails the girls establish a supportive relationship so when events take a not-always-credible turn for the better, the veracity of tone and the thoughtfulness of the advice exchanged carries the narrative to a satisfactory conclusion.

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