

HOPE COMES FROM WITHIN.

Two hours had passed.

She should have been back ages ago.

I took another look out the window.

“Where is she?” I said out loud as I gazed into the cold night.

Nate and his mother are running away. Fleeing from a bad situation at home, they hide out in an abandoned cottage in the middle of a forest. Though it’s old and run-down, at least it’s a place of their own.

Then Nate’s mother heads off for groceries and doesn’t return. He is left abandoned and afraid, with the dark—and all his old fears—closing in on him.

But comfort can come from the most unexpected of places: like a strange girl trying to solve the mystery of a treasure hunt, and the reappearance of a friend from his past.

Will Nate find the bravery he needs to face down his fears, survive on his own, and ultimately illuminate his future?

The Light Jar is a captivating story of fear and hope, loneliness and friendship, and finding the light within, even in the darkest of times.



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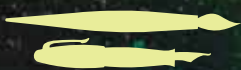


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