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Each and Every Spark

by Claire Swinarski



Read Aloud Video

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What's It About?

Paris, present day. Penny Marks has never felt so alone. Forced to move to France for some fancy job her mom couldn't turn down, she's now miles away from her old life. If she hadn't quit art after all that drama went down last year, she'd at least have something to keep her mind off the fact that life back home is moving on without her. Paris, 1943. Marie Bonnet has never felt so afraid. When the German army seized power over France, she and her sister Heloise watched their father get taken away, leaving them on their own.

Then Marie finds evidence that Heloise has secretly been working for the French Resistance—a group of rebels determined to take the Nazis down—and while it has danger written all over it, she's desperate to join. Any small act of uprising could help their country...but it could also cost them their lives. Penny and Marie's worlds collide when an old painting resurfaces in present-day Paris after decades of being hidden. Along with it is a note whose message may lead Penny to Marie...and the fate that awaited her.

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Who Wrote It?

Claire Swinarski has wanted to be an author since she was a kid. At age twelve, she describes herself as an awkward, big-hearted daydreamer who wasn't good at sports, singing, or art—but absolutely LOVED stories. Some of her favorite books included *Holes*, *Harry Potter*, *Ella Enchanted*, and *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*. Today, Claire lives in a tiny Wisconsin town with her husband and three kids and writes mysteries and other stories for middle grade readers. She's also a huge podcast fan, which helped inspire the unique podcast-style storytelling in *What Happened to Rachel Riley*? When she's not writing, Claire loves



reading, taking long walks while listening to podcasts, trying new recipes, boating, visiting old libraries, and going to the movies—especially if there's a giant bucket of extra-salty popcorn involved!

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