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Jack, 11, and his sister Annie, 5, live with their mother. Jack only vaguely remembers his saxophonist father who left for the USA soon after Annie was born. In itself, this situation creates tensions within the family. The mother works hard to make ends meet and Jack has taken on a supportive role, shielding his mother from disturbing incidents related to Annie. Annie is no ordinary little girl; ferociously intelligent, she cannot relate to children her own age and her friend, the mysteriously invisible Sarah Slade from the 25th century provides a compensation for her lack of peer companionship.

Matters reach crisis point when the children's father unexpectedly telephones from the States urging the family to visit him. Dharni brings a light touch to the seriousness of the issues thrown up in this novel and to its resolution when Jack realises that neither the past nor the future can be shaped by one individual.

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