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'The time's coming when we'll need to take the law into our own hands... Get some decency back. These poor folk livin' in the streets as if they were rats. Rob the rich and feed the poor, aye, so we should.' Kelly's hero is Robin Hood, and in contemporary Glasgow she is painfully aware of the need for a modern counterpart, Her attempt to assume this role herself leads to a shameful catastrophe that she struggles to forget, but when her best friend suggests writing a novel around the incident, Kelly is forced to re-visit the moral and emotional problems she's been trying to suppress. I can't praise this book highly enough. It explores tough political and personal issues in a voice that's authentically childlike, thoughtful and completely uncondescending. At the same time, it's a gripping adventure story whose retrospective viewpoint allows for a wealth of reflection on unfolding events. Strongly recommended for fluent readers to enjoy alone, and as a very thought-provoking story to share with the class.

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