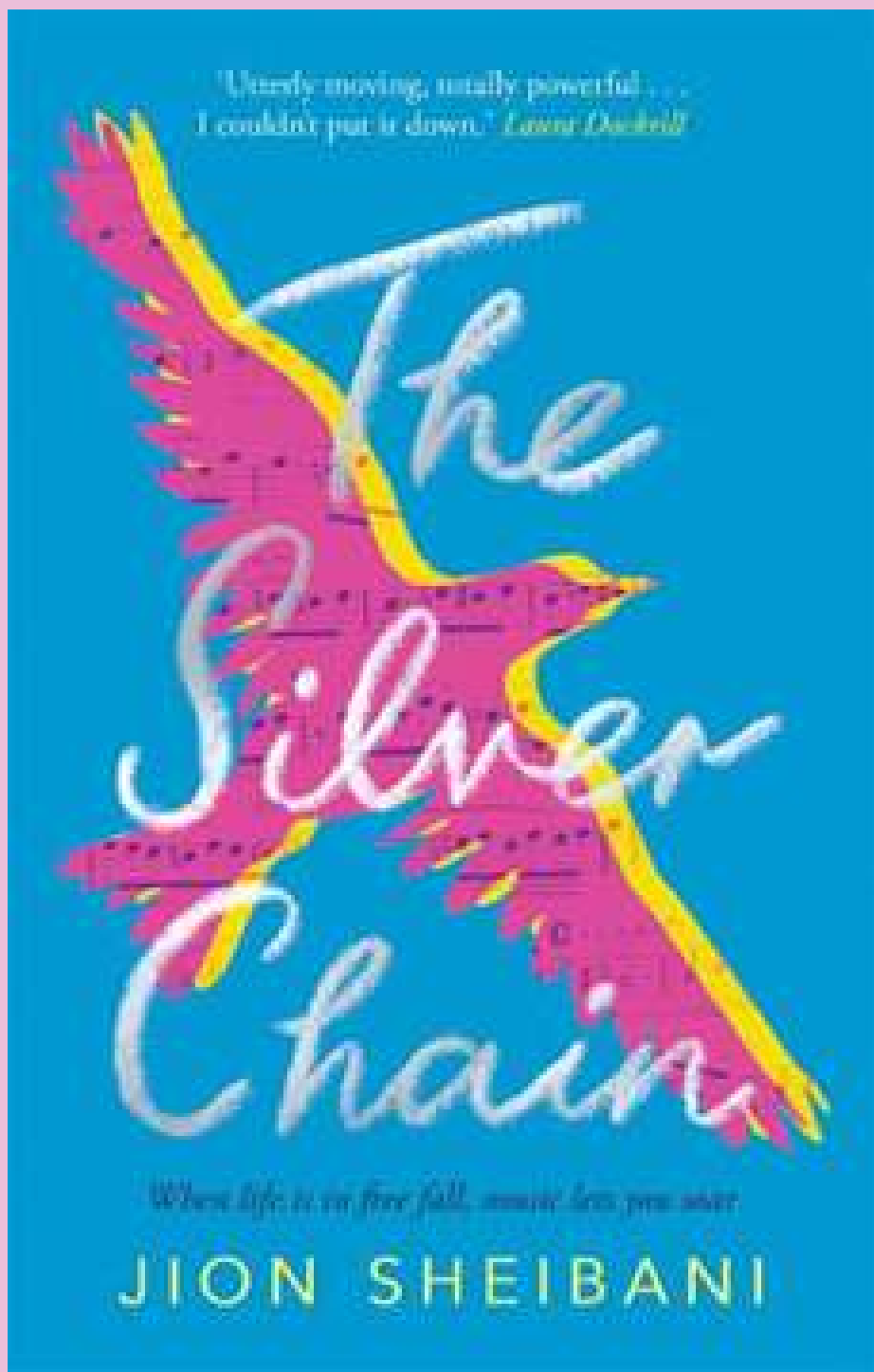


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THE SILVER CHAIN AUTHOR: JION SHEIBANI

Both a touching meditation on mental health and an exquisite love letter to the power of music to comfort and heal, verse novel *The Silver Chain* follows a violin prodigy who must learn to cope when her mother's mental state unravels.

Uplifting and un-put-down-able, an illustrated coming-of-age verse novel about family, mental health and the healing power of music.

Azadeh is a budding violinist on a music scholarship at an expensive private school, dealing with all the usual trials of being sixteen: trying her best to fit in, keep up and have fun. Then as her mum's mental health spirals out of control, Azadeh's world starts to unravel. Her friendships fall away, and as much as she and her dad try to keep a lid on everything, their problems insist on taking over.

Feeling alone, it's her violin that finally helps Azadeh to find her way back to her friends, herself and even her mum. A beautifully packaged, highly important and irresistible novel about mental health struggles and the solace we find in music and rhythm, friendship, family and honesty.

THE MINISTRY OF UNLADYLIKE ACTIVITY AUTHOR: ROBIN STEVENS

1940. Britain is at war, and a secret arm of the British government called the Ministry of Unladylike Activity is training up spies.

Enter May Wong: courageous, stubborn, and desperate to help end the war so that she can go home to Hong Kong (and leave her annoying school, Deepdean, behind forever). May knows that she would make the perfect spy. After all, grown-ups always underestimate children like her.

When May and her friend Eric are turned away by the Ministry, they take matters into their own hands. Masquerading as evacuees, they travel to Elysium Hall, home to the wealthy Verey family – including snobby, dramatic Nuala. They suspect that one of the Vereys is passing information to Germany. If they can prove it, the Ministry will have to take them on.

But there are more secrets at Elysium Hall than May or Eric could ever have imagined. And then someone is murdered...

