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**Summary:** In this high-interest accessible novel for middle-grade readers, 14-year-old Blue Jasper goes on another Faerie Woods adventure, to the Wherewood, the forest of lost things.

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# Chapter One

I made a deal with a Faerie. A Nixie, to be exact. That's a water Faerie. I should have known better. My mother told me not to make deals with Faeries. She said they never turn out well. She was right.

I accidentally made a deal with a Nixie called Salix. We're sort of friends. Salix says friendship with Faeries is always a bit tricky. Now, because of that deal, I'm on my way back into Faerieland. Faeries call their lands "woods." Salix and I are heading to a place called the Crosswood. It's where you cross over from the human world to the Faerie world. And it's magic, in case you were wondering.

A month ago I had no idea magic or Faeries even existed. I thought I was just a normal kid with a pretty normal family.

Ha! Wrong!

It turns out my younger brother and sister are adopted, kind of. Indigo and Violet are their names. They're nearly ten, and they're twins. My mother, Jules Jasper, has raised them since they were babies. I was about four years old when they came into our lives. Now I'm fourteen. Indigo and Violet's real mother is Olea. She used to be a Faerie queen.

I know. Weird, right?

A month ago, Olea's rival, a Faerie king called Oren, kidnapped Indigo and Violet. Then, because of magic, I had to go rescue them.