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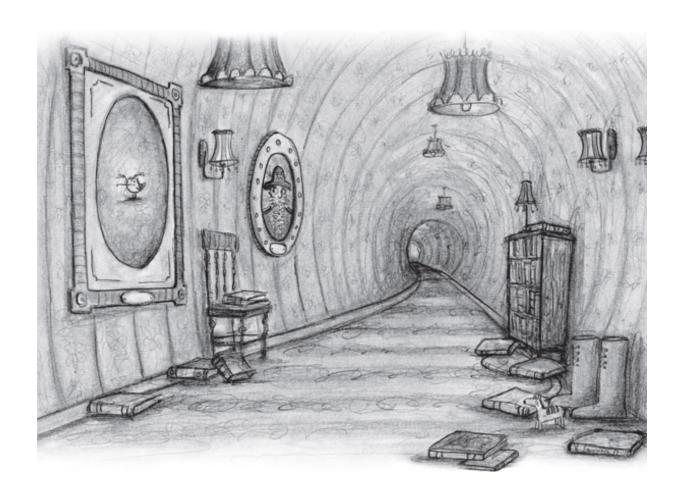
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For my mum, Queen Elsie, with Most Magnificent Love, Always xx



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Chapter One PEBBLES AND PIRATES

P.J. Petulant picked up a smooth, wet pebble from the sandy beach of the Little Cove and threw it lazily into the ocean.

'Do you know how long it took for that pebble to get on to the beach?' asked the Moon Hare. 'Its whole life. Now you've just thrown it into the sea and it's got to start #LL OVER again.'

P.J. looked down at the Moon Hare. He was lying on his back on the sand, wearing a rather silly, stripy, all-in-one bathing suit. His eyes were closed and he had a large blob of green sun block on his nose.