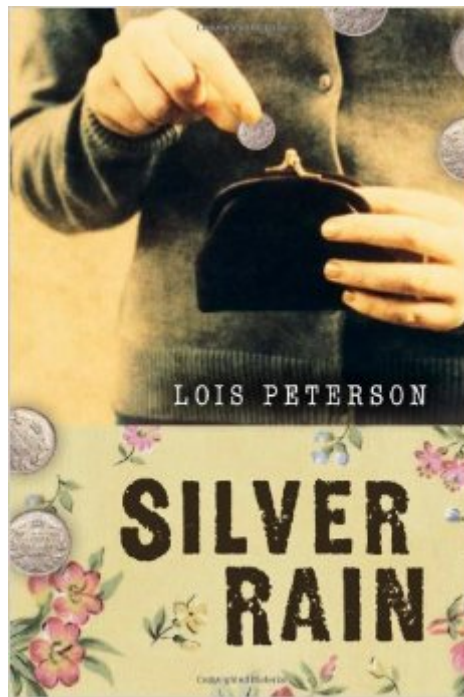


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Synopsis

Abandoned by her father during the Depression, eleven-year-old Elsie lives in the garage behind her old house with her mother, grandmother Nan and out-of-work uncle. Elsie's friend Scoop accompanies her as she searches for her father in the city, encountering unfriendly hobos, food lines and shantytowns. After both her uncle and her mother disappear on mysterious errands, Elsie and Scoop eventually discover them competing in a dance marathon. Persuading them to abandon the contest, Elsie and Scoop lead the exhausted dancers home, where Nan has news of Elsie's father and his impending return to the family.

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The Depression of the 1930s was tough on everyone, and it hit Elsie's family hard. After they lost their house and her Dad went missing, and then her mom and uncle left her alone with her grandmother; she couldn't imagine things could get any worse. But as her Nan often said, "Desperate times sometimes call for desperate measures," and Elsie will stop at nothing to get her family back together again. This is a wonderful book that takes you back to another time with vivid descriptions of shantytowns, hobos and degrading dance marathons. The author has painted a perfect picture of the resiliency and determination of youth in the character of eleven year old Elsie. I highly recommend this book for young people, not just as a peek into the past but as encouragement to deal with the inevitable tough times in life. It is also a fun read with colourful characters, great use of language of the period and lots of action. Adults will love it too.

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