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In this incredible, heart-wrenching story reminiscent of E. Nesbit's *Five Children and It*, Kate Saunders illustrates the power of war but the even greater power of family, and the love that carries us out of the darkness of despair into the light of hope.

The sand fairy, also known as the Psammead, is merely a creature from stories Lamb and Edith have heard their older brothers and sisters tell . . . until he suddenly reappears. Lamb and Edith are pleased to have something to take their minds off the war, but this time the Psammead's magic might have a serious purpose.

Before their adventure ends, all will be changed, and the Lamb and Edith will have seen the Great War from every possible viewpoint—that of factory workers, soldiers and sailors, and nurses. But most of all, the war's impact will be felt by those left behind, at the very heart of their family.

"Saunders (*The Whizz Pop Chocolate Shop*) doesn't shy from the tragedies of WWI, but handles them with a tender sadness, eschewing any hints of sentimentality or melodrama."-Publisher's Weekly, Starred

Strong portrayals of individual characters bring life and warmth to the story. With the four oldest siblings now actively engaged in the war effort, an entirely happy ending would have been unrealistic, but the novel offers a satisfying conclusion and a rewarding experience."--*Booklist*

"Saunders strikes a surprisingly successful balance between the mischievous magic of the sand fairy and the harsh realities of wartime England."--*The Bulletin*

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