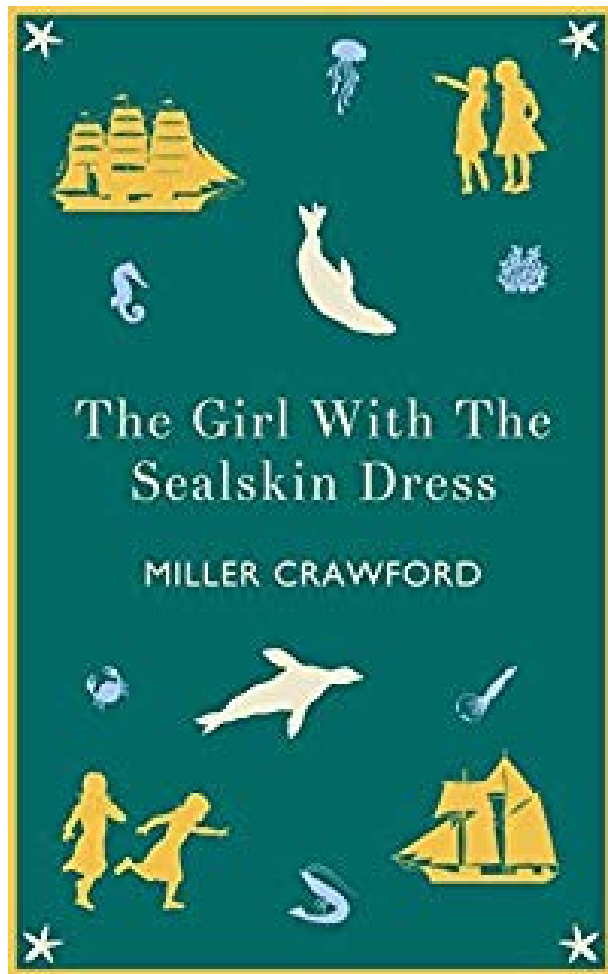


The Girl With The Sealskin Dress



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Thirteen-year-old Mairi Elphinstone is becoming a woman, but nobody told her that meant growing webbed fingers and toes. Recently orphaned Mairi leaves her well-to-do Largs home behind and moves to her aunt and uncle's croft on the remote Scottish island of Stromsay. En route, she finds a sealskin dress and a note concealed in her father's old trunk. He stole the dress from her mother years ago, and his baffling confession urges Mairi to cherish it forever. The mysteries multiply as Mairi settles into her new home. Why do seals call from the waves, urging her to join them in the watery depths? Why does her uncle shy from her deformed hands and lock her up every full moon night? Why do Thurso sailors call Stromsay a "ship's graveyard", and who shines those sinister cliff-top lights on foggy nights? Mairi wants answers, and her new friend Ellie does too. Trouble is, the truth could tear Mairi's family apart and spell imprisonment, slavery or death for her and Ellie alike. Set in 1839 and inspired by Daphne du Maurier, Enid Blyton and the selkie tales of Celtic and Scandinavian folklore, *The Girl With The Sealskin Dress* is a historical fantasy/mystery novel for children and grown-up children aged twelve and above.