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Rachel is 15 and has a crush on her English teacher, Mike. During rehearsals for the school production of 'Romeo and Juliet' mutual admiration turns into a physical relationship. Belbin builds the interaction between the two characters in a convincing way, so that their liaison becomes as inevitable to the reader as it is to them. Discovery creeps upon the pair in a similarly invidious way, and emotions are explored honestly and minutely, with frequent references to the legal and moral implications of such a relationship. This is a brave novel, since it tackles a familiar problem head on: Belbin is always ready to show his characters' foibles. It is a thoughtful study of very young love and a clear-eyed appraisal of the selfishness of manipulative men.

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