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The Book of Spells: A Private Prequel

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Kate Brian expands the back story of her [Private series](#) in this gripping prequel.

16-year-old Eliza is delighted when her mother decides to send Eliza away to the Billings School for Girls. Finally, she will have a chance to spread her wings away from her mother's eagle eye. But the expectations for upper class girls at the beginning of the 20th century are stifling whether enforced by her mother or the teachers at the school.

When a forbidden moonlight excursion lands Eliza and three friends in trouble, they are sentenced to weeding the school garden. There Eliza uncovers a buried cache of dangerous books that lead the girls into supernatural danger.

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