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Clara & Olivia

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In short

A beautifully written thriller set against a fascinating background.

Synopsis

Sadler's Wells, 1933. Disciplined and dedicated, Olivia is the perfect ballerina. But no matter how hard she works, she can never match identical twin Clara's charm. As rehearsals intensify for the ballet *Coppélia*, the girls feel increasingly like they are being watched. And, as infatuation turns to obsession, everything begins to unravel.



Discussion points for *Clara & Olivia*

1. How do the personalities of Clara and Olivia differ, and how do these differences impact their relationship throughout the story?
2. What role does ambition play in the lives of the twins? How does it drive the plot and affect their choices?
3. How does dance serve as a metaphor in the novel?
4. Did you enjoy the ending?

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