

An excerpt from Rachel's Diary - Wednesday 18th November.

The next trouble came later, when I got out my school books just as the teacher was calling us to sit down. I pulled out my books hurriedly and guess what happened..... Out fell the secret letter! Sara immediately appeared from nowhere and picked it up. She scanned the address with her beady eyes and then said in a loud voice. "I think you dropped something, Rachel." I tried to take the letter from her, but she pulled it slightly out of my reach. "Now, now. What do we say?" She teased me and some of the girls started giggling. I gritted my teeth and grudgingly said "Please."

She was about to hand it over to me, when my teacher walked down the aisle and stopped her. She took the letter and looked at me sharply over her silver-rimmed spectacles. "Is this yours, Rachel?" I nodded my head and looked down at the floor, blushing. "Why, may I ask, is this accompanying you to school?" She raised her eyebrow and some of the girls giggled again. "I didn't have time to post it on the way," I said and put out my hand for the letter. "Well I suppose you had better have it back then, otherwise your male friend will never get his letter." That was all she said, then she handed it over to me and that was it.

She'd said enough though. Now every girl in the class knew I was sending a letter to a boy. This is terrible.