

# Pebbles on a Beach



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Two young girls, Jem and Shylock, meet by chance and a close friendship develops. They vow it will last for the rest of their lives. In time they become more like sisters than friends. They resolve to share everything they possess, until they fall in love with the same man. Their parting is painful. Yet the bond between them survives. Eventually Shylock contacts her estranged friend and begs her to perform one last act of sisterly love. Jem agrees, but the cost of fulfilling such a demanding promise might prove too great a price to pay for friendship. "How different the truth is for each of us.

We invent stories to defend or hurt, to protect or deceive. We distort the facts until all we have left is a memory of a happening so personal that only we recognise it as the truth."