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Make sure to check out one of the fresh new titles from the Book Club Collection, *The Age of Miracles*, a truly unique coming-of-age story.

Julia is eleven when she and the rest of the world find out the the earth's rotation has slowed. At first barely noticable, she and her family attempt to live their lives with a tugging anxiety at the back of their minds until the changes from the "Slowing" are no longer minute. Stretches of sunlight begin to last longer, followed by equally long nights, birds begin to die and fresh food becomes scarce. Julia's life becomes increasingly more difficult as well. Her father, an ER doctor, begins to come home less frequently, her mother's stress and worry become dibilitating and Julia finds herself more isolated than ever. The government's attempts to keep life as normal as possible are futile and the structure of society begins to deteriorate in small, but meaningful ways.

Despite all of this, Julia still experiences the excitement of first love, the embarrasment of her first bra and the heartbreak of watching her parent's marriage struggle. The horrifying and all-too-possible occurances of the "Slowing" provide a stunning backdrop to a moment in a young girl's life. A facinating look at humanity on both a universal and personal level.

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