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MAYA, A FOURTEEN YEAR OLD GIRL, lives on Rieley Bay. Her older brother, Saul, and her father are fishers. She has a relatively normal life. Although everyday, early in the morning she sneaks out of the house, hops into her kayak and starts to paddle to a near rock bank. A few weeks ago she discovered a family of sea otters living there. She keeps it a secret, for good reason: last year a man up the coast shot a sea otter saying it was destroying his catch. Surely if anyone knew about them they would be in big danger. One morning Maya went out to see the otter when soon she noticed up the hill was a man staring out into the water looking at her.

Maya and her family get caught in a dangerous game to save the sea otters from poachers.

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MAYA LOVES KAYAKING. She lives on Rieley bay with her brother, Saul, her father and her mother. She keeps it a secret but every morning she heads out in her kayak and goes to see a family of sea otters. Over the past few weeks she has become friends with the creatures. She's soon determined to keep these otters safe, no matter what. One morning when going out to visit the otters, Maya looks up to find up on the hill is a man watching her. This man could only mean no good, the sea otters are in definite danger.

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