

*From Here to Jupiter: Synopsis*

Jonie Kowalska couldn't be less "council estate chic" if she tried. Dressed head to toe in her estranged mother's dungarees and never without a book, Jonie is a quiet yet confident sixteen-year-old, usually found hanging out with her scruffy dog, Neil. But when Neil goes missing, Jonie's sheltered life is shattered. Along with her boisterous best friend Axel and their friend Annie, Jonie sets about investigating the disappearance of not only Neil but all the Leighton Estate dogs that have gone missing during lockdown 2020.

The team unearth clues, print flyers, leaflet the estate, and of course, regularly refuel at Jonie's with Grandma's famous borscht and pierogi.

Enter Benji: sullen, mysterious, attractive. Enthralled, Jonie develops feelings for Benji, who strongly reciprocates. Unhappy with this distraction, Axel argues with Jonie, which concludes in his phone being thrown against a wall. Frustrated, Axel stops speaking with Jonie and conducts independent investigations.

Meanwhile, the lift in Jonie's block breaks down, forcing Grandma to take the stairs. Losing balance, she falls, breaking her hip. Lying to hospital staff about her age, Jonie is allowed to stay home alone, meaning more time alone with Benji.

While following a lead, Axel accidentally discovers the dognappers' meeting, revealing Benji as an accomplice. Working as a double-agent Benji has achieved his mission of distracting Jonie. Axel reconnects with Jonie and they hurry to find the stolen dogs before it's too late.

After freeing the dogs, Jonie stops all communication with Benji and realises it was her naivety that broke up her friendship with Axel. Grandma comes home to a new ground floor council flat that has a garden for Neil.

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*From Here to Jupiter* is a tale of friendship, first love, and the corruption of misplaced trust. There's magic in the bonds of friendship and an extraordinary relationship between a girl and her dog. And at its heart is the story of one teenager and the love she has for her home and her safe haven: her council estate.