

TITLE: *Nessie – The Last of the Deep*

GENRE: Literary Speculative Fiction

SYNOPSIS: *Nessie: The Last of the Deep* is a lyrical, cross-generational novel about memory, myth, and ecological witness. When eleven-year-old Isla MacLeod begins hearing a strange hum in the water of Loch Ness and compulsively sketching a spiral she has never seen, her grandmother Moira recognises the sign: Isla is a Listener, chosen by the loch's ancient guardian - not a monster, but a keeper of collective memory known as the Deep One.

Elsewhere in the world, children in Japan, Brazil, the Arctic, India and Finland begin drawing the same spiral. Scientists detect impossible sonar patterns beneath the loch. The Spiral appears everywhere: on stones, in dreams, in folk songs resurfacing after decades of silence. The planet seems to remember something it has been trying to say.

Isla forms an unlikely bond with Dr. Cameron Fraser, a disillusioned scientist who once believed he saw Nessie as a boy. Together, they uncover fragments of the Spiral Codex, a global trail of myths suggesting that Nessie is one of the last “memory-bearers” of Earth - guardians who sing warnings and carry ecological grief when humans forget to listen.

When an energy corporation threatens to exploit the loch, Nessie re-emerges during a storm, sharing a final memory with Isla: a vision of what the world becomes when listening is lost. Viral footage sparks global frenzy, but Isla urges the community not to claim the creature — only to remember.

As Nessie fades into the Deep, the Spiral spreads worldwide. Children and elders begin forming Listener Circles, humming the Spiral Song, passing stones and stories across cultures. The novel ends with Isla helping to found the Spiral School, where memory,

belonging, and ecological care are taught not through data, but through silence and listening.

Nessie lives on - not as legend, but as the memory humans choose to protect.

A story about the myths that survive us, the ones we inherit, and the ones we must relearn to hear.