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## An Exceptional Summer

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The portrait of a woman searching for existential meaning as illness threatens her son's life.

The day before summer vacation, Alma, Filip, and their 8-year-old son Tom are preparing to return to their little red house by the lake. But the parents are shocked to learn their little boy has an incurable form of cancer. The prognosis is bleak, and the family's life turned upside down. With a minimalist setting and love for nature, this sensitive, reserved, poetic novel follows Alma as she tries to survive this trial. Stretched thin and in pain, she finds refuge in the lake's comforting and unchanging presence. Can she drown her sorrows in her still reflection, or will they drown her?

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