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A dramatic year in the life of 11-year-old Ellie. 'The Shadows' is the knowledge that Mum has breast cancer. The dancing in a school club provides the therapy. The discovery of an old well on the schools site by an eccentric history teacher, herself a former cancer patient who underwent a mastectomy, leads to some interesting deliberations on the healing powers of fresh water and brings the two plot elements together as the dance club perform at the opening of the site when it is fully excavated. We follow Mum through the operation, the chemotherapy and the radiotherapy but none of it is heavy-handed and the book ends on a positive note. This should find an appreciative audience well up into Year 9.

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