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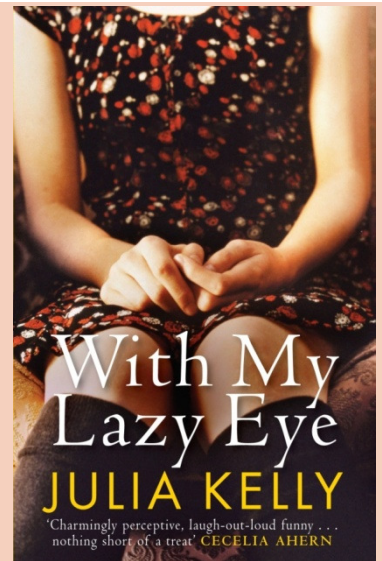
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With My Lazy Eye

By **Julia Kelly**

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***With My Lazy Eye* won the Irish Newcomer of the Year Award at the Irish Book Awards 2008 and was shortlisted for the Kerry Group Irish Fiction Award**

Lucy's a misfit. She's growing up in a large family in a semi-detached house in Dublin, dreaming of being someone else and making her father proud. It's not looking promising. He's an internationally renowned academic, her siblings are bright achievers, but Lucy is lazy, directionless and never quite manages to succeed.

Perhaps that's because she's not really trying. She hasn't got the energy to revise for exams, she can't convince herself to care about coming last and even when she goes to London and finds the perfect job, she is still destined to fail. It seems she's going nowhere – fast.

But when a family crisis forces Lucy to grow up, she's going to realise that if she wants a better life, she'll have to take matters into her own hands. Maybe then her dreams will come true.

'Julia Kelly is surely the freshest voice in Irish fiction since Edna O'Brien. This is a future to watch' – John Banville

'As well as being perceptive, intelligent and charming, this is a very funny book – I laughed out loud right to the end. You won't be able to put it down' – Cecelia Ahern

Julia Kelly studied English, Sociology and Journalism in Dublin, and escaped to London for the mad, bad years of life. She now lives in Bray, County Wicklow. This is her first novel.

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