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The start to a new adventure series full of beautiful butterflies, family mysteries, and a dash of magic.

Stella can't imagine a life without butterflies. Her family is part of an ancient guild tasked with their protection. Stella's favourite is the bright yellow Cleopatra butterfly, which is not only beautiful but also important for the family business. With its butterfly powder, they produce soaps, oils, and creams that have magical properties. When the whole kaleidoscope suddenly disappears without a trace and her grandmother falls mysteriously ill, Stella's world is turned upside down. Has the new boy Victor, who seems so very interested in her family's butterflies, something to do with it? What secrets have her mother and grandmother kept from her? And, most importantly, how can she find her beloved Cleopatras and save her family?

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