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## On the Dumpster Side of Life

Ein Jugendroman ab 13 Jahren über das  
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**Highly topical and filled to the brim with issues on the mind of Gen Z: ecological and social responsibility, food waste and its implications for the climate crisis, and social media driven by fake news and clickbaiting.**

Dumpster diving for likes? Of course Joel has heard about saving groceries, he'd just never thought he'd find himself going through a dumpster in the middle of the night. But when his crush Merle, a sustainability influencer, asks him to help her write a story for her channel, Joel ventures into this new world. Soon, he discovers that it's not just greenies and idealists who go dumpster diving, but also people like Kira, who tries to support her family. The two form a tentative bond, but Merle's ever-increasing ruthless sensationalism puts a strain on their relationship. When Joel and Kira are caught on one of their nightly outings, he realises that he has to choose a side ...



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