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What do you do when your brother is a genius who went to university at the age of seven and is younger than you? Iraklis, 12, loves his brilliant younger brother Renos, and doesn't even try to compete. He's happy being average at everything and doesn't seem to resent his anxious parents' zealous efforts to organize family life around what they perceive as his brother's needs.

But Iraklis, who has dreamed of lazing away the summer swimming, finds himself in deep water. He fails his exams, having done no preparation. Renos comes home unexpectedly from Oxford and asks him to mind a mysterious package. Blamed unjustly by his father when the contents of the package are revealed, Iraklis runs away from home, but finds he has unexpected company, Renos. Forced to face danger together, the brothers forge a new bond, and the family rethinks its priorities. For children of 9 and over.