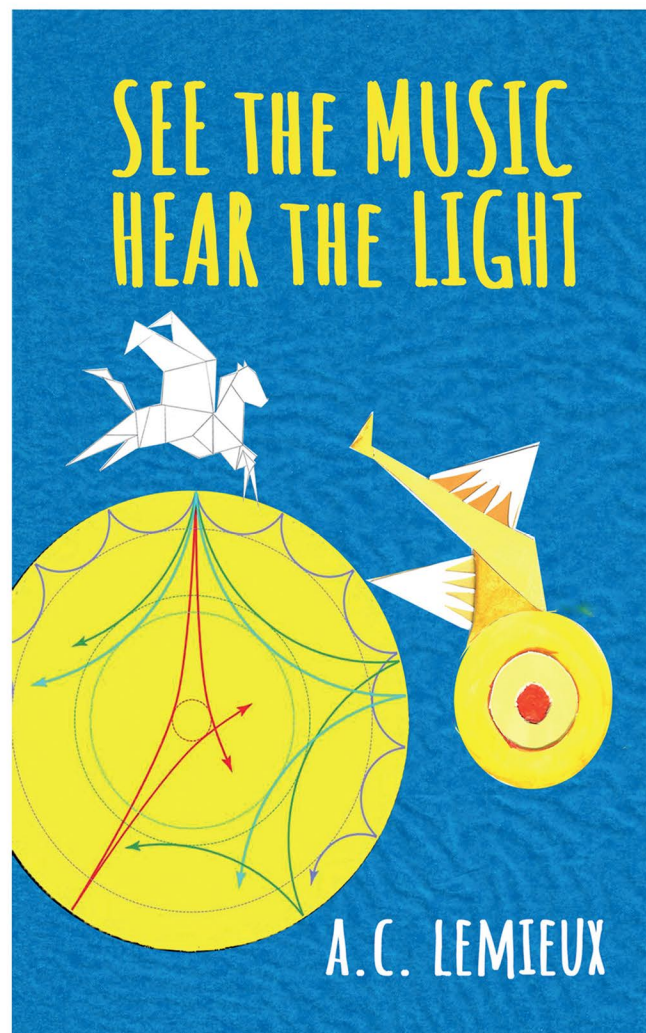


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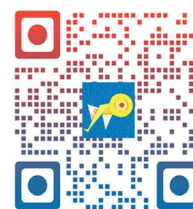
Being born with Williams syndrome brings both gifts and challenges. Sensory processing can be quirky—Daniel often “sees” music in colors and “feels” some noises as bombardments. Accurate spatial information fails to get from his eyes to his brain—think trouble with stairs, puzzles, and maps. Nevermind navigating the academic and social mazes of high school, or Marching Band field drills. Just finding the way to class can be tricky. There’s also the always lurking WS anxiety, ready to pounce, at fire alarms, bully-ambushes, and an old, cranky anti-tech social studies teacher. Daniel gets by with a little help from his friends and allies: bus-seat-saving Phoebe, lunch buddies Dalton 1.6 and Sallie Block, music mentors, Resource Room teacher, Mrs. Staley, his librarian (helicoptering) mom, the spirit of his late Marine Corps musician father, and voice of satellite radio host, Dahlia Indigo.

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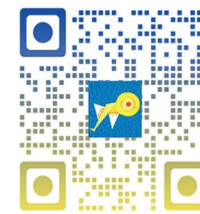
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