

## EVVIE AUDITION SIDE 1

EVVIE: Please. No one even shoplifts anymore. I kind of miss it. Miss the excitement. Like last year, there was this well-dressed couple with a baby in a stroller, and they just stuffed that stroller with ties and sweaters and shirts. They actually hid stuff *under* the baby. And I bet it wasn't even their child.

Just shows you stealing's not about money. The people who steal are hungry, but it's not for things. In fact, it's amazing more people don't steal; these days everyone's hungry. Walking through the mall, everyone looks sad, their mouths like this— (*She sets her mouth in a grim line*) People so well-dressed and so sad. We don't know what we are, none of us.

Look at this. (*She gestures at her book*) How to Make the Most of Your Hidden Talent. Isn't that a marvelous title? Notice the phrasing. It isn't How to Develop a Hidden Talent. No, it's How to Make the Most of it because it is already assuming you *have* a talent. And you do. Everyone does. You and me, we have *talents!* Big ones. Inside us like cats have paws. You don't say much, do you?