If you knew the date of your death how would you live your life? In 1969, on the Lower East Side of New York, the four Gold children make their way to a psychic who is rumored to be able to predict the day of their death. The information they receive that hot summer day informs the way they lead the rest of their lives, and during the next five decades we learn about the fates of the children and their complicated intertwined family bond.

This novel is a powerful family love story that explores the impact of the prophecies on each of their lives. Each character struggles with the belief in magic and the degree to which they are able to shape their own destinies. It is a remarkable story that is a testament to the power of belief and destiny, and the pull of familial bonds.