Gymnastics Diaries

Beam Queen

For my family and all those who stood by me through thick and thin.
— G.G

For Mrs. C and the gym girls — thanks for the best memories.
— L.S

To my parents, my sister, brother-in-law,
nephews Theodore and Oliver, my friends,
and my agency, all for helping to make the
slips and falls in life a bit more bearable.
— A.E

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SUNDAY NIGHT







Dear Diary,

Wow, that feels weird to write — I've never kept a diary before! My **BFF, Bri,** gave you to me, Diary. She said it's important to have a place for me to write all my **hopes and dreams**.



So here we are! But she didn't give you to me as a birthday gift or a Christmas gift or even a BFF gift.



No, you were part of my **NEW START** gift!



I still get a bit sad when I write that.

I mean, I'm not actually going away — I'm still living in my house and going to my school. But the saddest part is that I won't be at gymnastics with Bri anymore. Or any of my squad friends. I'm moving

to a new gym club and it all starts tomorrow. And I'm **SO NERVOUS!**

I feel like I have **monkey-gymnasts** doing backflips and layouts and aerials inside my tummy!

But wait a second. I feel like I need to give you a bit more of a backstory here, Diary. You're probably wondering, like, why am I leaving the gym that I love **SO MUCH?**

Well, I'll start at the beginning . . .

I'm Georgia.

GEORGIA GODWIN.

I'm 10 years old and I live at home with my mum, my dad, my younger brother, Dylan, and my adorable dog, Elle.



My family has always called me **Jumping George** because, well, I'm always bouncing! Since the age of two, I've been jumping and I pretty much haven't stopped since.

When I was little, I'd . . .



jump on the couch,



jump on my bed,

jump at the supermarket,





jump in the library



and maybe even jump in my sleep!

One day, Dad said to Mum:



And Mum agreed.

I was only three years old when Mum took me to my **first gymnastics class**. And it was love at first bounce!