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Adelaide lives a solitary life in a busy, bustling city. She spends her days observing the crowds rushing past her, a small, silent figure conspicuous in her red coat. At night, alone in the dark, she recreates the characters she has seen in beautiful little clay figure. All readers, child and adult alike, will understand how it feels to be like Adelaide alone in a crowd. Luckily for Adelaide a chance set of events leads her to a meeting with another artist, and she discovers not just a friend but a kindred spirit, and finds her voice at last. Elise Hurst is a prize-winning Australian picture book artist and deserves to be better known in this country. Painting in oils her pictures are an exquisite mix of colour and movement, each spread filled with drama and emotion and there is so much for readers to discover in Adelaide?s secret world, and so much for them to talk about.

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