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An English orphan unwittingly holds the key to a powerful source of magic

The graduation ceremony of the Grand and Ancient College of Siberian Witches takes place in the winter darkness of the Far North. But despite the celebration, the night is full of warnings and worry. The Wanderer is abroad in search of the coveted Jewel Seed that has been lost for centuries. Whoever finds it can unlock all knowledge and will have unlimited power. . . .

Meanwhile, orphan Nonnie Smith is leaving the home she shares with her grandmother and grown siblings in Sesame Green to go live in London with her cousins and eldest sister, Una. Nonnie's problems begin when her old neighbor Mrs. Wednesday returns from the Siberian witch conference and discovers that someone has taken a mysterious shirt off her clothesline. Nonnie is sure the linen blouse was Una's, but why is Mrs. Wednesday so desperate to get her hands on it?

Then Una is kidnapped—along with famous historical characters Julius Caesar, Mozart, and Jane Austen—and it's up to Nonnie and her cousin John to outsmart both the Winter People and Mrs. Wednesday in order to save her..

The Jewel Seed is Joan Aiken's retelling of a story her father, the poet Conrad Aiken, used to tell her and her siblings when they were young.

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