

CALLA HAS ALWAYS HAD SMART-GIRL ENERGY.

She's the practical younger sister. The problem-solving best friend. The model daughter. So it's nice when someone seems to see her for her, outside of all that. But what if that person is a grown-up who maybe isn't as trustworthy as Calla thought? Calla's mom likes to say "Always do what you know is right." But what if you don't know what the right thing is?

These are the questions Calla faces on the last day of seventh grade, when she finds out that her favorite teacher has been accused of inappropriate conduct at his old school. Calla doesn't know what really happened. But she does know that people are saying mean things about the girls who have spoken out—and that can't be right . . . can it? Inspired by her favorite newsblogger, EboniiNews, Calla has an idea. Can she find a way to act?

From acclaimed author Chrystal D. Giles, *Listen to the Girls* is a powerful story about growing up and speaking up, about listening to others and learning to listen to yourself. Because the more Calla listens, the more she realizes that maybe she has something to say too.

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