

## GUPPY SCHOOL: Author Events with Louisa Reid

I am privileged and delighted to write contemporary fiction for young adults. My most recent two novels, written in verse, are *GLOVES OFF* and *WRECKED*. My work has been nominated for a range of awards, including the Carnegie and Branford Boase.

I am an English teacher with over twenty years' experience. I am an obsessive reader and love everything about books!



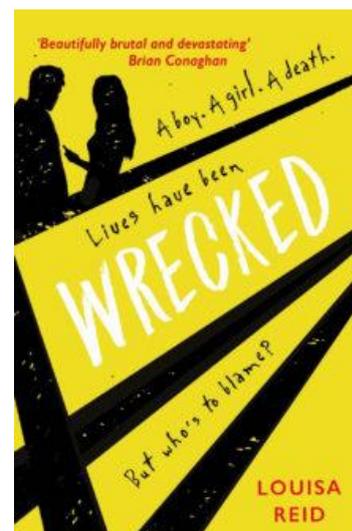
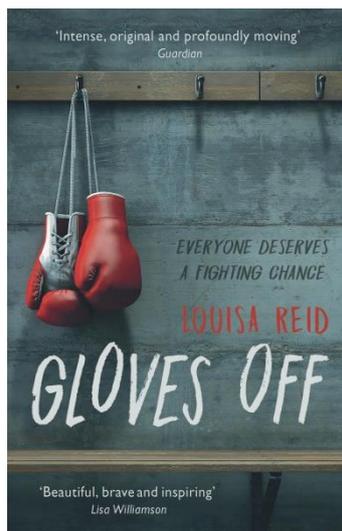
### Endorsements:

*"[Louisa] has proved a very popular speaker, as she is engaging, funny, and very honest. Her career as a teacher shows through clearly; her manner is both encouraging and accessible, with the ability to pitch her talk at exactly the right level, and a willingness to discuss students' own questions and address their particular concerns."* Bridget Walsh Hills Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge

*"We were fortunate enough to receive a visit from the brilliant Louisa Reid, who gave a very powerful talk to our year 7 and year 10 students about her book 'Gloves Off', a book about bullying and fighting back, of resilience and hope... Our students thoroughly enjoyed the morning, which generated plenty of conversation, and were all very eager to go and read the book."* Debbie Haynes, Prenton High School, Liverpool

*"Entertaining and thought-provoking. A lunchtime session with our Sixth Form Creative Writing group also proved to be inspiring and motivating."* Rachel Hodgson, Altrincham Grammar School for Girls

*"Funny, engaging and with a background in teaching, Louisa knows how to inspire a room full of teenagers, and as a writer she opened our pupils' minds up to creative and fun ways they can play with words, images and story lines."* Ms J Cottingham, St Mary's School, Cambridge





## **ABOUT MY EVENTS**

### **ONLINE EVENTS**

I am happy to virtually join your classes (KS3/4/5) via platforms such as Zoom or Teams; alternatively I can provide a recorded session.

I offer either presentations about my work, creative writing workshops, or a combination of the two.

A presentation will ordinarily cover any or all of these topics, as per your requirements:

- my publishing journey
- an introduction to my novels and readings from the books.
- an exploration of the themes of WRECKED AND GLOVES OFF including: body image; bullying; justice; gender roles and expectations.
- writing in verse.
- a creative writing activity if requested.
- Q and A.

Curriculum links:

- PSHCE: body image, gender roles and expectations, bullying.
- English: poetic language, form and structure; characterisation; creative writing ideas and inspiration.

Timings:

My sessions can be tailored to accommodate the school day.

### **REAL-LIFE EVENTS**

I am very happy to visit schools in person and to speak to classes or whole year groups.

I have experience in addressing groups at KS3/4/5 and will tailor the content according to the age range of your students.

My presentation will include:

- an introduction to my novels and readings from the books;
- an exploration of themes including: body image; bullying; justice; gender roles and expectations;
- writing in verse;
- creative writing activity, if requested;
- Q and A.

Curriculum links:

- PSHCE: body image; gender roles and expectations; bullying.



- English: poetic language, form and structure; characterisation.

Timings:

Can be tailored to suit the school day.

### **FAQ**

#### **What do students need for the session?**

Pen and paper for workshops.

#### **Are you happy to sign and dedicate books?**

I am happy to sign and send bookplates.

#### **Do I need to arrange for books to be on sale?**

Yes please. It would be great if book sales could be organised via local independent bookseller – ideally doing pre-sales.

### **BOOKING**

To discuss fees and booking a session please contact: [louisareid@gmail.com](mailto:louisareid@gmail.com)