

Gloves Off

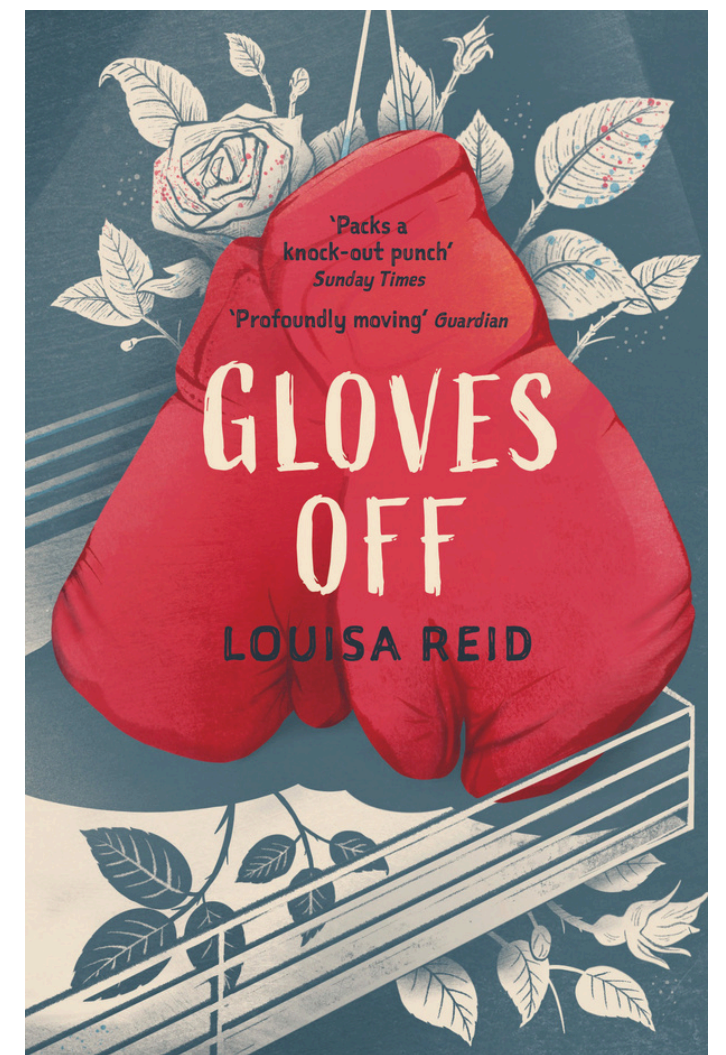
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Age: 14 + Genre: Fiction - novel in verse



This is the book for you if you like ...

- Hope and resilience in challenging situations.
- Page turning and immersive stories.
- Unusual and modern use of verse.
- Brutally brilliant books that pack a punch!
- Themes of courage, self belief and pride.
- *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander.



Summary: Lily turns sixteen with two very different sides to her life: school, where she is badly bullied, and home with her mum and dad, warm and comforting but with its own difficulties. After a particularly terrible bullying incident, Lily's dad determines to give his daughter the tools to fight back. Introducing her to boxing, he encourages Lily to find her own worth. It is both difficult and challenging but in confronting her own fears she finds a way through that illuminates her life and friendships. Meeting Rose, and seeing that there is another world out there, enables her to live her own life fully and gives her the knowledge that she is both beautiful and worth it.

Nominated for the Carnegie Medal 2020.

Extracts:

*he smells of dead things
of the alley near our house
of the leaves
and the gutter
and i can smell my own fear -
its stink on my skin. (Page 41)*

*i am going to be the girl
who rises up
out of the mud
out of the gutter
out of silence
out of a void that has been carved for me
an absence of destiny. (Page 203)*

ORIGINAL - POWERFUL - ABSORBING