

# The Stolen Prince of Cloudburst

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**Age:** 8 +      **Genre:** Fiction - Fantasy



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

- Imaginative boarding school stories with a dose of magic and danger.
- Funny and chatty narrators.
- Empathising with an overlooked middle child.
- Exploring themes such as manipulation, identity, courage and forgiveness.
- *The School of Good and Evil* by Soman Chainani.



**Summary:** Esther Mettlestone-Staranise is looking forward to another year at Katherine Valley Boarding School. But she arrives to find a number of strange and unsettling changes. For one, her new teacher is rumoured to be an Ogre. Two mysterious students have joined the school, and one of Esther's classmates is an undercover Spellbinder. Most disturbingly, the mountains surrounding the school – usually a delight of glaciers, teashops, lakes and Faeries – are now crowded with wicked Shadow Mages. How can Esther – who is not talented like her sisters, nor an adventurer like her cousin, but *just* Esther – save her family, her school and possibly her entire world?

**Extract:** *At lunch time I didn't listen to Principal Hortense's speech. I mean, I knew basically what she was saying. She was telling everyone that Katya's laughter had been stolen by the Stirling Silver Foxes, and that Katya had been whisked away to a treatment centre. Many people gasped. Some smaller children, especially the ones in Katya's chess team, burst into tears. Some girls giggled. All the teachers scolded those girls - but I didn't blame them. Giggles sort of jump out of you sometimes ...*

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