

## WORKING PARTY ON CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

Ngaio Malcolm, Karen Hans, Kathy Fountain and Glynis Sullivan provide a personal - though not entirely unanimous - selection of novels for teenage readers, and for those whose teenage years are approaching

# ***STILL READING BOOKS***



# ***TEENAGE APPROACHES***

## *INTRODUCTION BY NGAIO MALCOLM*

From time to time the Librarians' Christian Fellowship and other Christian organisations concerned with education or Christian ethics are asked by parents and others, sometimes with a note of despair, if there are any books which they can buy for their children which are enjoyable and will keep them reading without exposing them to world views which are at best hard to reconcile with Christianity and at worst moral cesspits. (Maybe that should be the other way round. The moral cesspits are at least easier to recognise). Several years ago Christians in Education published a list by H.M.I, George Oliver, of books suitable for children up to about the age of ten. Since then there have been calls for someone to compile a similar list for older children and teenagers. This has turned out to be quite a difficult task as the old Judaeo-Christian worldview which dominated literature for younger secondary school children has been to a considerable extent swept aside in favour of books which though excellent in many ways seem to lack the idealism and high moral tone of earlier children's writers. They are more about coping with tragedy than

flying high, more concerned with helping youngsters deal with difficult situations like divorced parents or refugee status than giving them aspirations to make themselves better people and the world a better place. There is a paucity of writers like Helen Dore Boylston whose Sue Barton series inspired girls to take up nursing as a career or like Elfrida Vipont whose *The Lark in the Morn* was an inspiration to any talented young person who has to overcome obstacles to succeed. It is as if life has got so disjointed for some young people that they cannot see beyond their own immediate troubles. It is now picking-up-the-pieces time and children's authors are, perforce, concentrating on this. There is also a growing number of writers who promote philosophies and ethics which are overtly anti-Christian and indeed inimical to the ethical teachings of most religions. Sometimes this seems to be deliberate e.g. Philip Pullman, Jan Mark, sometimes it is simply the writer reflecting the post modern humanistic worldview with which he or she has no quarrel.

But these are trends, not a complete change and there are still plenty of wholesome books available for young people. This list mentions some of them. It is aimed at eleven to fifteen year olds. After the age of fifteen most teenagers are reading adult fiction. The working party members have chosen books which, in their experience, young people enjoy, at the same time trying to keep to a minimum anything which is badly out of line with Biblical Christianity. We cannot guarantee that every single book has been read by a member of the working party although nearly all have. The main exceptions are a number of titles which have been gleaned from a reliable American publication, *A Landscape with Dragons: the Battle for your Child's mind* by Michael D. O'Brien. (Ignatius Press, 1998, ISBN 0-89870-678-5. As well as being a thought provoking read it lists many more titles at the back under 'Books for Intermediate readers' for this age group.) Some of these titles may not be available in the UK, but can be obtained from the United States through Amazon at:

<http://www.amazon.com>. These are marked \*. All the others titles are listed at the time of writing from Amazon the UK at:

<http://www.amazon.co.uk>.

As a rule of thumb almost any book published for children or young people before 1960 is unlikely to offend Christians. Many of these books are still being published and are still being enjoyed by 11-15 year olds. Of those published after the 60's many of the most

acceptable titles from a Christian viewpoint are those dealing with ethical or political questions where Christians and others share the same views e.g. Beverly Naidoo's books on South Africa; books on slavery like Barbara Smucker's ***Underground to Canada***; books about racism, e.g. Mildred Taylor's novels about the American South and books about problems like bullying e.g. Michael Coleman's ***Weirdo's War***.

Many girls, especially 11-13 year olds, particularly enjoy books about relationships and these vary enormously in the ethics they propound. Paula Danziger is very popular and infinitely to be preferred to Judy Blume from a Christian viewpoint. Historical novels by more recent authors like Peter Carter are usually excellent but it takes a certain type of young person to enjoy them.

Finally it should be noted that Christians themselves vary considerably in what they think is suitable teenage reading. There are books here that will no doubt offend some parents but we have tried in these cases to give an enlightening comment so users of the list can make up their own minds.

Only one publisher is given for each book although sometimes books have been published by more than one publisher. All books are paperbacks unless designated Hb (Hardback) "Currently unavailable" means unavailable **new** on Amazon.co.uk. Frequently, a secondhand copy is offered. Otherwise a public or school library might have a copy. Books marked with an asterix are taken from Michael O'Brien's book, are often American and sometimes available from Amazon.com

### **ADEBAYO, Yinka**

The Drummond Hill Crew series:

- **The Glemma Kids**, The X Press, 1998, 1874509670, £3.99
- **The Big Diss**, The X Press, 1989, 1874509689, £3.99

*There are several other books in this series. About teenage relationships. Recommended for age 9-12*

### **ALMEDINGEN, E.M.**

\***Anna**, Farrer, Strauss and Giroux, 1972, 0374303614, Hb.

\***Ellen**, OUP, 1971, 0192713205, Hb.

\***Fanny**, OUP, 1970, 0192713175, Hb

\***Katia**, Little, 1971, 0192720244

**\*Young Mark**, OUP, 1967, 0192712756, Hb  
*These are historical novels set in 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century Russia. Currently unavailable.*

### **ALMOND, David**

**Skellig**, Hodder, 1998, 0340716002, £5.99  
*Michael, moving to new house, has to contend with his baby sister's illness and is helped by a new friend, Mina and a semi-angelic creature, Skellig. Included because it is a brilliant story with a good underlying ethos but marred by an enormous amount of quite unnecessary bad language.*

**Heaven Eyes**, Signature, 2000, 0340743689, £5.99  
*Three children run away from a children's home and discover a strange old man and a young girl. (More mystical than Christian, but it does show how there can be hope in the most difficult situations. Includes some bad language.)*

### **BANKS, Lynne Reid**

**Dark Quartet: the story of the Brontes told in fictional form**, Penguin, 1986, 0140083057, £6.39  
**Path to the Silent Country: Charlotte Bronte's Years of Fame**, (Sequel to Dark Quartet) Penguin, 1988, Currently unavailable  
**The Dungeon**, Collins, 2002, 000713777X, £10.99, Hb.  
To be published in Pb.  
*About a cruel Scottish laird and a young Chinese slave girl.*  
**One more River**, Puffin, 1975, 0140470786  
**Broken Bridge**, Puffin, 1996, 0140343040, £4.49  
(Sequel to One More River)  
*Both about a Canadian-Jewish family in Israel.*

### **BAWDEN, Nina**

**\*The House of Secrets**, Houghton Mifflin, 1992, 0395586704, Hb.  
*Recommended age 9-12. Currently unavailable*  
**\*On the Run**, Puffin, 1967, 0140303375  
*Currently unavailable.*  
**The Outside Child**, Puffin, 1991, 0140343040, £4.79  
*Step-child seeking a half-brother and sister.*

### **BENARY-ISBERT, Margot**

**\*Dangerous Spring**  
*Coping with being anti-Nazi in Hitler's Germany.*  
**\*Under a Changing Moon**, Ignatius Press 1998 1883937337 £7.60  
*A young girl grows up in the German duchy of Nassau in the run-up to German unification under Bismarck. Recommended for 14 and up. Would be enjoyed by intelligent younger girls.*

## **BLACKMAN, Malorie**

**Thief** Corgi, 1996, 0552528080, £4.99

*Time travel mystery in which a young girl is persecuted for a crime she did not commit. Middle school age.*

**Noughts and Crosses** Corgi, 2002, 0552546321, £5.99

*Alternate world with a white underclass tackling racism and discrimination and the moral implications of using violence to change a corrupt society.*

## **BONHAM, Frank**

**\*Burma Rifles: a Story of Merrill's Marauders** HarperCollins Juvenile Books, 1960, 0690161476  
(*W.W.II*)

**\*Devilhorn** E.P. Dutton, 1978

**\*The Ghost Front** E.P. Dutton, 1968

*Battle of the Bulge*

**\*War beneath the Sea** HarperCollins 1971 0690866534 Hb  
*WWII. Currently unavailable.*

## **BRESLIN, Theresa**

**Remembrance (Dream Master Series)** Corgi, 2003, 0552547387, £4.79

*W.W.I. Powerful and engrossing novel about war.*

## **BURGESS, Melvyn**

**Junk** Anderson Press, 1997, 0862646324, £12.99

*About drug addicted teenagers. Some Christians have objected to this but its most likely effect is to discourage, rather than encourage drug use.*

## **BURNFORD, Sheila**

**\*The Incredible Journey** Irwin, 1989, 0773672168

*For animal lovers. Currently unavailable.*

## **BURTON, Hester**

**\*Castors away** Puffin, 1978, 0140310037

*Battle of Trafalgar*

**\*In spite of all Terror** OUP, 1968, 0192712888

*W.W.II*

**\*No beat of the Drum** OUP, 1996, 0192712675

*England/Tasmania 1829-1831*

**\*Time of Trial** OUP, 1963, 0192712209

*England, 1801*

**The Rebel** OUP, 1971, 0192713345

*All available on Amazon.co.uk as secondhand only, at about £5 for paperback and £8-9 Hb.*

### **CAMPLING, Ann**

**Smiling for Strangers** Orion, 1998, 185881491X, £4.99

*Inspired by true stories this book shows how hard it is to start a new life in a foreign land. May also be listed under Gaye Hicyilmaz as editor.*

### **CARTER, Peter**

**Children of the Book** OUP, 1982, 0192714562, £6.35, Hb

*Historical novel about the Turks storming the Gates of Vienna in 1683 and being repulsed by the armies of Christendom. Rather relevant with the upsurge of Islam today. Currently unavailable.*

**The Hunted** Collins, 1996, 0006751652

*An Italian soldier in the Second World War is determined to save a Jewish boy from the Nazis. For Middle School age. Currently unavailable.*

**Under Goliath** Puffin, 1980, 0140311327

*Northern Ireland troubles. Currently unavailable.*

**Bury the Dead** Collins, 1989, 0006728774

*The training and trials of a girl high jumper under the Communist government of East Berlin. Currently unavailable.*

**The Black Lamp** OUP, 1973, 0192713566

*Currently unavailable.*

**Madatan** OUP, 1974, 0192713590

*Currently unavailable.*

### **CLEARY, Beverley**

**Fifteen** Puffin, 1995, 0140373462

*Teenage romance. Currently unavailable.*

### **CLEAVER, Vera and Bill**

**\*Where the Lilies bloom** Harper Trophy, 1989, 0064470059, £3.73

*A family in the Appalachians with no parents have to keep their father's death a secret.*

**\*Trial Valley** HarperCollins, 1991, 0064470768

*Currently unavailable.*

### **COLEMAN, Michael**

**Weirdo's War** Orchard Books, 26 June 2003, 1843621835, £4.99

*About bullying and learning to recognise and respect individual strengths and weaknesses.*

### **DANZIGER, Paula**

**Make like a Tree and leave** Hodder, 2002, 034083918, £4.99

**P.S. Longer Letter Later** Hodder, 1999, 0340744316, £3.99

*Lightheated easy reading for 9-12 year olds, mainly girls.*

### **DOHERTY, Berlie**

**Dear Nobody** Puffin, 2002, 0141311762, £5.99

*About a teenage pregnancy narrated by both partners. The girl is encouraged to have an abortion but instead decides to keep the child. (They do not marry but the book ends with the hope that they will one day.)*

**Street Child** Collins, 1993, 666740200, £4.99

*Fictional account of situation that brought about Barnardo's charity.*

### **DOMAN, Regina**

**\*The Shadow of the Bear: Snow White and Rose Red retold** Bethlehem Books, 2002, 1883937760, £6.71

### **ELLIS, Deborah**

**The Breadwinner** OUP, 2001, 0192752111, £4.99

*About a girl in Afghanistan under the Taliban. Some upsetting details, e.g. public beheadings, but simply and powerfully written with an open ending..*

### **FIFE, Dale**

**\*North of Danger** Penguin USA, 1978, 052536035

*W.W.II. Currently unavailable.*

### **FINE, Anne**

**The Tulip Touch** Puffin, 1997, 0140378081, £4.97

*Psychological thriller. Not all the working party were in favour of including this one!*

**Madame Doubtfire** Puffin, 1995, 0140373551, £4.79

**Flour Babies** Puffin, 1994, 0140361472, £4.79

**Crummy Mummy and me** Puffin, 1989, 0140328769, £4.99

*Light hearted and amusing stories for middle school age. Some Christian parents might not like the somewhat dubious adult behaviour, especially in Madame Doubtfire and Crummy Mummy and me.*

### **FLEGG, Aubrey**

**The Cinnamon Tree** O'Brien Press, 2001, 0862786576, £ 4.96

*Landmines in Africa.*

### **GAARDER, Jostein**

**The Christmas Mystery** Orion, 1998, 1858815649, £7.99

*Beautifully told story with a Christian theme. The Christianity is liberal rather than conservative..*

**Sophie's World** Orion, 1997, 1858815304, £4.79

*For intelligent sixth formers. An introduction to philosophy in story form. There are several other books by this author, all worth reading . Most are more suitable for older teenagers and are not light reads.*

**GARFIELD, Leon**

**The Ghost downstairs** Puffin, 1975, 0140307885

*Allegorical ghost story. The ghost's purpose is to lead Mr. Fast to redemption. Currently unavailable.*

**GAVIN, Jamila**

**Coram Boy** Mammoth, 2000, 0749732687, £4.79

*Teenage pregnancy and infanticide in 18<sup>th</sup>. century England, leading to founding of orphan homes.*

**GEORGE, Jean Craighead**

**\*My side of the mountain** Econo-clad Books, 2001, 0613359909, £8.64

**GODDEN, Rumer**

**\*Greengage Summer** Pan, 1993, 033032778X, £4.79

*Set in a hotel in France with bullet-scarred staircases and serene gardens, this book features Eliot who becomes the Grey children's guardian while their mother is in hospital – a strange Englishman staying at the same hotel. A thread of mystery runs through it.*

**GUY, Rosa**

**The Disappearance** Puffin Plus, 1985, 0140317872, £8.21, Hb

**New Guys around the Block**, (sequel) Puffin Plus, 1995, 0140373039

*Violence and prejudice in inner city life.*

**And I heard a bird sing** Puffin, 1994

*Currently unavailable. Teenage thriller.*

**Edith Jackson** Puffin, 1995, 0140373920

**Friends** Heinemann New Windmills, 1997, 0435124765

*Disagreement among working party members about whether this author should be included. She makes her readers very aware of the loss of moral consensus in the modern world but in a thoughtful and thought provoking way. All currently unavailable.except, The Disappearance.*

**HAMORI, Laszlo**

**\*Dangerous Journey**

*1950's Hungary*

**\*Flight to the Promised Land** Transworld, 1971, 055252011X

*1948, Yemenite Jews. Currently unavailable.*

**HARTNETT, Sonya**

**Thursday's Child** Walker World, 2002, 0744559960, £4.99

*Sophisticated. Set in Great Depression in America.*

**HAUTZIG, Esther**

**Endless Steppe** Puffin, 1993, 014036160X, £4.79

*A Polish Jewish family is exiled to Siberia.*



## **HEDGES, Carol**

**Bright Angel** OUP, 2002, 0192718983, £6.99

*Very exciting futuristic novel.*

**Three's a crowd** S.U., 1994, 0862018633

**Jigsaw** OUP, 2002, 019271719, £4.99

*A Norwegian girl in an English school feels different. . A classmate, Grant, commits suicide. She meets an old shell shocked soldier during work experience. His story locks with Grant's and together they help Annie to complete her own personal jigsaw. Carol Hedges is a Christian.*

## **HICYILMAZ, Gaye**

**Watching the Watcher** Faber & Faber, 1997, 0571172741, £3.92

*A boy discovers there is a human being in captivity in his great uncle's private zoo.*

**Against the Storm** Faber & Faber, 1998, 0571194966, £4.99

*A Turkish boy is forced to adjust to life in a shanty town after moving from the country.*

**Coming Home** Faber & Faber, 1998, 0571193676, £4.99

*A Turkish girl torn between London and Turkey.*

**The Frozen Waterfall** Faber & Faber, 1998, 0571194958, £4.99

## **HILL, Susan**

**The Woman in Black** Vintage, 1998, 0099288478, £6.99

*Ghost story often studied at GCSE. A solicitor stays in an isolated house to attend a funeral. The house is haunted by a woman distracted with grief over the death of her son. She exacts a terrible revenge.*

## **HOLM, Anne**

**I am David** Mammoth, 1989, 0749701366, £4.99

*After escaping from the prison camp where he has lived all his life, David, who has been taught virtually nothing decides to take as his God the one he once vaguely heard of - the god of the green pastures and still waters and begins to discover the world around him. An exciting adventure story. Younger adolescents.*

## **KAYE, Geraldine**

**Comfort herself** New Windmills (Heinemann), 1987, 0435123157, £6.50

**Great Comfort** Mammoth, 1988, 0749701935

*Currently unavailable. Both books about a girl of Ghanaian heritage torn between family in UK and Africa.*

## **LAIRD, Christa**

**Shadow on the Wall** Red Fox, 1999, 009940057X, £2.99

**Beyond the Wall.** Red Fox, 1999, 009950121X, £3.15

**But can the Phoenix Sing?** Jonathan Cape, 1993, 1856812154

*These form a trilogy. Currently unavailable.*

## **LAIRD, Elizabeth**

**Forbidden Ground** Puffin, 1998, 0140385886

*A Moslem girl has to leave the boy she falls in love with. . Currently unavailable.*

**Kiss the Dust** Egmont Books, 2001, 0749749326 £4.99

*Iraqi Kurdistan girl flees to Britain.*

## **L'ENGLE, Madeleine**

**A Wrinkle in Time** Puffin, 1995, 0140372318, £5.99

*Three guardian angels appear as witches and help Meg rescue her father, who is stranded on the planet, Camazotz, and her brother, whose mind has been captured. About the power of love and the nature of good and evil. Written from a Christian perspective..*

**A Wind in the Door**

**A Swiftly Tilting Planet**

**Many Waters**

*These three titles are available with 'A Wrinkle in Time' in a boxed set. Laurel Leaf Library, 1991, 0440360374, £14.88. Also published separately.*

## **McALLISTER, Margaret**

**Hold my Hand and Run** OUP, 2002, 0192751689, £4.99

*Historical fiction – girls fleeing from wicked stepmother figure.*

## **McCAUGHREAN, Geraldine**

**Stop the Train** OUP, 2002, 0192752669, £4.99

*About new settlers in Florence, Oklahoma and their struggle with the railroad company. Funny, sad, but full of optimism.*

## **MARSDEN, John**

**So much to tell you** Walker Books, 1999, 0744569346, £3.99

*A girl with problems reveals her hardships and condition through the pages of her diary, written at boarding school. Some of John Marsden's books are not to be recommended, e.g. Dear Miffy, in which a boy commits suicide and there is no hope at all. The author, like Judy Blume, believes protection is the worst form of repression.*

## **MONTGOMERY, L.M.**

**The Road to Yesterday** Bantam Books, 1998, 05535609689, £3.19

*Short stories*

*L.M.Montgomery is best known for the "Anne" series. These are still popular in the 9-12 age group and can usually be purchased at any good bookshop. Two in particular that probably appeal more to today's girls are Rilla of Ingleside, the last of the series and Kilmeny of the Orchard.*

**Rilla of Ingleside** Mass market paperback, 1997, 0553269224, £2.88

**Kilmeny of the Orchard** Bantam, 1995, 0553213776, £2.88

*Romance and suspense.*

### **MORPURGO, Michael**

**Kensuke's Kingdom** Mammoth, 2000, 0749736399, £4.99

*A shipwreck and tale of developing friendship between two people from different cultures and generations.*

### **MURRAY, Millie**

**Jade** Livewire Books for Teenagers, 2000, 0704349671, £5.99

*Deals with teenage pregnancy. The author is a Christian.*

### **NAIDOO, Beverley**

**The other side of Truth** Puffin, 2000, 0141304766, £4.99

*A brother and sister flee Nigeria in tragic circumstances and are abandoned by the person who brings them to London.*

**Journey to Jo'Burgh.** Collins, 1987, 0006726933, £3.99

*Apartheid in South Africa.*

**Out of Bounds** Puffin, 2001, 0141309695, £4.79

*Short stories.*

### **O'BRIEN, Robert**

**Z for Zachariah** Puffin, 1998, 0141300310, £4.99

*America after a nuclear holocaust. Ann lives alone in a valley until a scientist in a radiation suit joins her. Ends with Ann leaving in search of some other survivors. Refers to Church and Sunday School. Quite a grim story but some hope at the end.*

### **PATERSON, Katherine**

**A Bridge to Terebithia** Puffin, 1980, 0140366180, £4.99

*About friendship and coping with tragedy,*

**Jip, his Story** Puffin, 1998, 0141300051

*Poignant story of a boy in 1850's Vermont who discovers he is the son of a runaway slave. Currently unavailable.*

**Rebels of the Heavenly Kingdom** Econo-clad, 1999, 0785797785, £9.59

Hb

\***Jacob have I loved** Econo-clad, 1999, 0891039233, £9.30, Hb

### **RAY, Mary**

**A Tent for the Sun** Hodder & Stoughton, 1991, 0340531711

*Historical novel. Early Christianity. Currently unavailable.*

\***The Eastern Beacon** Cape, 1965, 0224609939, Hb.

*Currently unavailable.*

\***The Spring Tide** Faber, 1979, 0571113311

*Currently unavailable.*

### **REISS, Johanna**

**The Upstairs Room** Econo-clad, 1999, 0881039810, £8.99

*Jewish girls hidden from Nazis. Recommended age 9-12.*

### **SACHAR, Louis**

**Holes** Bloomsbury, 2000, 0747754459X, £4.79

*Interestingly crafted tale about an American boy sent to a reform institution. His feelings are explored and a mystery is solved.*

### **ST. JOHN, Patricia**

**I needed a Neighbour** Scripture Union, 1987, 0862014549, £3.50

*Work among refugees.*

**Nothing else matters** Scripture Union, 1999, 0854219722, £3.50

*Life for a family during the war in Lebanon. Patricia St. John was a missionary in North Africa for many years and wrote mainly for younger children. These two absorbing stories are for teenagers..*

### **SMITH, Rukshana**

**Sumitra's Story** New Windmills, 1993, 0435123939, £6.50, Hb

*About a refugee Indian girl from Africa trying to adjust to a British school and way of life. At one point a bit syncretistic.*

**Salt on the Snow** Bodley Head, 1998, 0370312031

*Culture clash. Currently unavailable.*

### **SMUCKER, Barbara**

**Underground to Canada** Puffin, 2000, 0141306866, £4.99

*Smuggling out slaves from America to freedom in Canada.*

### **SWINDELLS, Robert**

**Smash** Puffin, 1998, 0140382801, £4.99

*Racism affecting and dealt with by teenagers.*

### **TAYLOR, Mildred**

**Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry** Puffin, 1995, 0140366253, £5.59

*Mississippi 1930's – fighting for a principle.*

**The Road to Memphis** Puffin, 1995, 014037356X, £4.75

*In 1941 there are rumblings of war in Europe and the Pacific but Cassie Logan is more concerned with trouble at home.*

**Let the Circle be Unbroken** Puffin, 1995, 0140372903, £5.99

*The Logan family during the depression. This is a trilogy about the terrible injustices suffered by blacks in the American South centring on the life of one close-knit family, the Logans.*

### **TOLKIEN, J.R.R.**

**The Lord of the Rings:**

**The Fellowship of the Ring** HarperCollins, 0007149212, £6.99

**The Two Towers** HarperCollins, 0007149220, £6.99

**The Return of the King** Harper Collins, 0007149239, £6.99

**WATSON, James**

**Talking in Whispers** Puffin, 1986, 0140370079, £4.99

*Set in Chile during the military dictatorship. A teenage boy encounters friendship and bravery whilst looking for his father.*

**WATSON, Sally**

\***To build a Land** Addison-Wesley, 1957, 9999239811, Hb  
1947, Israel. *Currently unavailable.*

\***Other Sandals** Henry Holt, 1966

**WELCH, Ronald**

\***Tank Commander** Puffin, 1950, 0140312188

*W.W.I. Currently unavailable.*

**WESTALL, Robert**

**The Scarecrows** Puffin, 1995, 01403708X, £5.99

*Either about psychological illness or demon possession. Simon's anger about his mother's remarriage invites the demons/scarecrows in. By destroying them he turns his hate and begins the healing process. One member of the working party says that although the book has been criticised for violence it is suitable for older teens. Another member remembers that on its publication it was billed as 'just the thing for evil little minds' and a bookseller refused to stock it saying children should have some childhood! There are certainly worse books around now. Not a consoling thought. Users of this list will need to make up their own minds on this one as the working party are divided.*

**WHITE, Robb**

\***Deathwatch** Econo-clad, 1999, 0808514075, £8.46, Hb

*Many other titles by this author. Mainly about W.W.II.*

**WOLF, Virginia Euwer**

**Make Lemonade** Faber, 2000, 0571202071, £4.99

*Very unique writing style – clever and powerful but some parents might think it will encourage lazy writing in their children. A teenage girl in a poor neighbourhood of NYC strives for good grades to get out of the poverty trap and into college. She takes a babysitting job for a young single mum in a much worse state than she is. Expresses hope and optimism in a difficult situation.*

**True Believer** Faber, 2001, 0571207022, £4.99

*Sequel to Make Lemonade. Includes a scene where the heroine discovers the boy she fancies embracing another boy.*

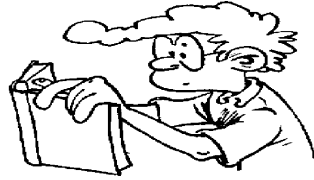
**WUORIO, Eva-Lis**

\***Code:Polonaise** Henry Holt, 1971, 003085122X

*Poland W.W.II.*

\***To fight in Silence** Henry Holt, 1973, 0030802415

*Denmark W.W.II*



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