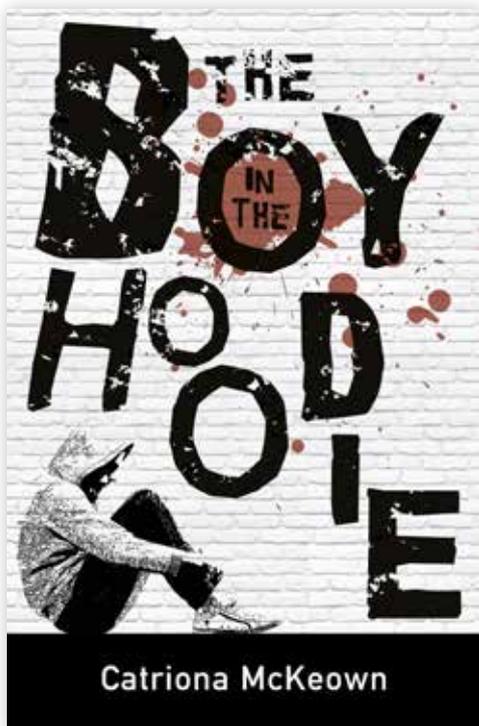




# BOOK CLUB



## The Boy in the Hoodie

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One girl. One boy. And a friendship that could save them both.

Good-girl Kat knew drinking alcohol at school would have serious consequences. But to protect her friend from being expelled, Kat lands herself a term's worth of detentions.

Inside the detention room, she meets a strange boy whom obsessively draws dark pictures and covers his head with a grey hoodie. Little does she know, the hoodie hides a dark past...

An unlikely friendship forms between Kat and the boy in the hoodie. When she discovers a sinister truth he's been hiding, she somehow feels compelled to help him—but at what cost? And how much is she willing to risk in order to keep him safe?

The Boy in the Hoodie is a real, unforgettable story about how friendships can bring healing, fade scarring and open new wounds all at the same time.

**Questions:**

1. **Look at the cover page. Why do you think these colours were chosen? What emotions does it evoke?**  

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2. **Kat is peer-pressured into drinking alcohol at school. Have you ever felt peer-pressured into something you didn't want to do? Did you go through with it?**  

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3. **Do you think Kat's punishment for drinking alcohol at school and lying about it was fair? Why or why not?**  

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4. **Do you have a 'Boy in the Hoodie' character in your life? Do you know their backstory?**  

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5. **Aidan likes to draw to release his emotions. What do you like to do?**  

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6. **What's the symbolism behind 'the hoodie' in the book?**  

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7. **Do you think Paige, Keira and Megan are good friends to Kat? Why or why not?**  

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8. **When do you think Kat's attitude towards Aidan changes? Why?**  

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9. **Kat lies to her parents about going to find Aidan's mum in Chinderah. What's more important to you: being honest or loyal?**  

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10. **Explain whether Barbie meets our expectations as a parent. Why or why not?**  

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11. **Kat doesn't care about 'appearances' or 'popularity' by the end of the book. Do you think this is hard to do in today's society? Explain.**  

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12. **Scars are used as a motif throughout the book. Think of one emotional or physical scar in your life. Did someone else help to heal it? You do not have to share.**  

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