



[Home](#) > What's Your Problem?

What's Your Problem?

Books Reviewed:

[What's Your Problem?](#) [1]

Issue:

[120](#) [2]

Reviewer:

[Val Randall](#) [3]

~~Editor's Choice:~~

off

Media type:

Book

BfK Rating:

4

The Livewire imprint offers consistently insightful books on the pressures and pleasures of teenage girls. This novel relates the story of Jac, whose parents are facing financial problems which necessitate her transfer from a private girl's school to the more challenging atmosphere of a mixed comprehensive.

Jac's inexperience in this sort of environment inevitably leads to her being bullied and it is this inevitability which provides much of the book's focus. The net of victimisation and isolation swiftly closes in on Jac, narrowing her horizons until there seems no option but to accept the way she is treated. She considers suicide.

Jac acquires a new perspective on her problems when she researches her History assignment on the Holocaust and realises the value of life and the need to lift the veil of secrecy which protects bullies. She speaks out in a class discussion, gaining unexpected support from her peers who had also suffered intimidation in silence.

The intensity of Jac's suffering and the useful list of sources of help for victims of bullying make this book an important weapon in fighting a battle which too many adolescents lose.

Running Order:

3

Source URL (retrieved on Nov '19): <http://typo3.booksforkeeps.co.uk/issue/120/childrens-books/reviews/whats-your-problem>

Links:

[1] <http://typo3.booksforkeeps.co.uk/childrens-books/whats-your-problem>

[2] <http://typo3.booksforkeeps.co.uk/issue/120>

[3] <http://typo3.booksforkeeps.co.uk/member/val-randall>