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a novel by Libby Koponen

Blow Out the Moon

"Libby, an engaging and feisty girl, moves from New York to London with her parents and three younger siblings. Her first school in London is a less-than-positive experience–the children tease her, and even the teacher is unkind. But things look up when she is sent to Sibton Park, a boarding school in the countryside.... Koponen is a gifted writer ..." – *School Library Journal*

"Soon the words on the page disappear and you are there with her.... Libby's voice shines through, honest and authentic.... At heart this is a moving portrait of growing up, formative moments, and lessons learned. Highly recommended." – *Education Oasis*

* "The word 'delightful' is over-used in reviews, but it's hard to find one that's more appropriate...." – *Booklist* (starred review)

"Libby's joyous times at Sibton Park make you laugh out loud." – Emily Simons (grade 8), *Just Books*

"Her experiences are documented in a fictionalized fashion that is entirely refreshing!" *Children's Literature*

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