



***Moonlight Dreamers* by Siobhan Curham**

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A top-notch book for teens through to adults to enjoy. It covers a few weeks in the lives of four very different girls, 14-16 years old, whose chance encounters lead to unlikely friendships.

Amber, who lives with her two dads, feels out of step with other teens. She has a questioning mind, a love of words, and an obsession with Oscar Wilde to whom she turns when she is feeling down.

One quote changes her life. She comes to realise that of all the millions of people in London there must be others like her – somewhere. Amber devises a plan which, much to her surprise, results in her meeting three other teens with whom she comes to feel not only comfortable, but more in tune with life than ever before.

Distinct well-defined characters whose words and actions describe them well, each girl finds these new friends give them the courage to be more truly themselves. Each is able to help another face life's varying problems:

- how to talk to boys
- how to have the confidence to speak in front of an audience
- how to cope when parents seem pre-occupied with their career, pre-occupied with their own social life, etc.
- how to handle the boyfriend who wants to go further than the girl is comfortable with.

Siobhan Curham is an author to watch.

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