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# FEATURING

Alice Oseman

ALICE OSEMAN IS AN AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR, ILLUSTRATOR, AND SCREENWRITER, AND WAS BORN IN 1994 IN KENT, ENGLAND. SHE HAS WRITTEN FOUR YA CONTEMPORARY NOVELS ABOUT TEENAGE DISASTERS: SOLITAIRE, RADIO SILENCE, I WAS BORN FOR THIS, AND LOVELESS.

SHE IS THE CREATOR OF LGBTQ+ YA ROMANCE WEBCOMIC HEARTSTOPPER, WHICH IS NOW PUBLISHED IN PHYSICAL FORM BY HACHETTE CHILDREN'S GROUP, AND SHE IS THE WRITER, CREATOR, AND EXECUTIVE PRODUCER FOR THE TELEVISION ADAPTATION OF HEARTSTOPPER, WHICH HAS BEEN RELEASED ON NETFLIX.

"I've written over 100 books and won many awards, most recently the School Library Association's Outstanding Contribution to Information Books."

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

IN CONVERSATION WITH  
**ALICE OSEMAN**

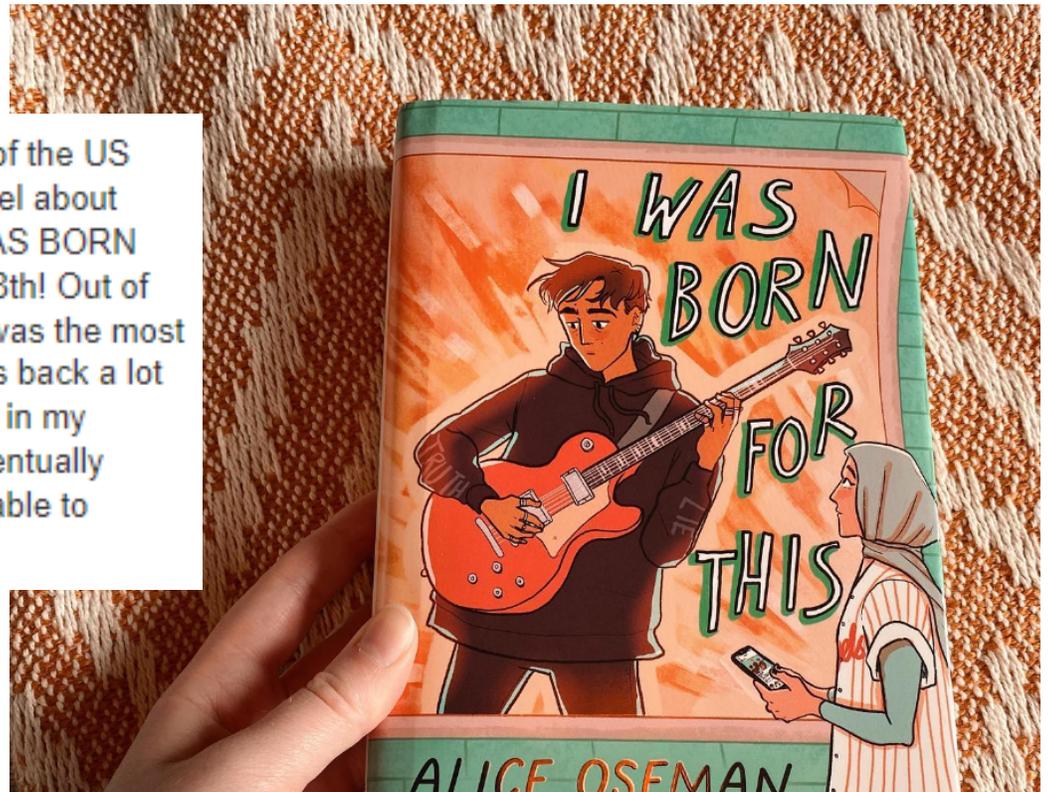
LONDON  
WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

MANCHESTER  
WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER

I'm doing two events to celebrate the Heartstopper Yearbook and tickets are on sale now! Head to the Waterstones website to purchase tickets! 🍎🍌

Unfortunately the schedule won't allow for a signing after the shows this time but pre-signed copies of The Heartstopper Yearbook are available at check out when you buy your tickets and you're also able to submit a question there too and there's a chance it will be asked during the event itself 🙏

This week I received a copy of the US hardback of my boyband novel about parasocial relationships, I WAS BORN FOR THIS, out on October 18th! Out of all my prose novels, IWBFT was the most enjoyable to write, so it brings back a lot of joy to hold this new edition in my hands. I hope that when I eventually return to writing prose I'll be able to capture that feeling again ❤️





## ★ The History

ORIGINALLY A WEBCOMIC ON TUMBLR AND TAPAS, HEARTSTOPPER HAS AMASSED AN ENORMOUS ONLINE FANBASE WITH OVER 52.1 MILLION VIEWS TO DATE. ALICE OSEMAN CROWD-FUNDED A LIMITED PRINT-RUN EDITION, MEETING HER FUNDING GOAL IN LESS THAN TWO HOURS. HACHETTE CHILDREN'S GROUP PUBLISHED HEARTSTOPPER VOLUME ONE MORE WIDELY IN SPRING 2019, FOLLOWED BY VOLUME TWO IN JULY OF THE SAME YEAR. SINCE THEN, HACHETTE CHILDREN'S GROUP HAVE PUBLISHED A FURTHER TWO VOLUMES AND A COLOURING BOOK.

THE HEARTSTOPPER SERIES HAS INSPIRED AN OUTPOURING OF LOVE SINCE IT FIRST PUBLISHED IN 2019, WITH ONE MILLION PRINT COPIES SOLD WORLDWIDE TO DATE, SELL-OUT NATIONWIDE BOOK TOURS, AND A LIVE-ACTION NETFLIX ADAPTATION HITTING SCREENS ON 22ND APRIL 2022, STARRING KIT CONNOR (ROCKETMAN, HIS DARK MATERIALS) AND NEWCOMER JOE LOCKE AS THE BELOVED NICK AND CHARLIE, PRODUCED BY SEE-SAW FILMS.

HEARTSTOPPER FOLLOWS TWO TEENAGE BOYS, NICK AND CHARLIE, AS THEY MEET AT A BRITISH GRAMMAR SCHOOL, QUICKLY BECOME FRIENDS AND FALL IN LOVE. EACH VOLUME NAVIGATES THE UPS AND DOWNS OF FIRST LOVE, FRIENDSHIPS, COMING OUT, AND MENTAL HEALTH, BEAUTIFULLY FRAMED BY A WARM CAST OF SUPPORTING CHARACTERS.

ALICE OSEMAN.

## -SOLITAIRE-

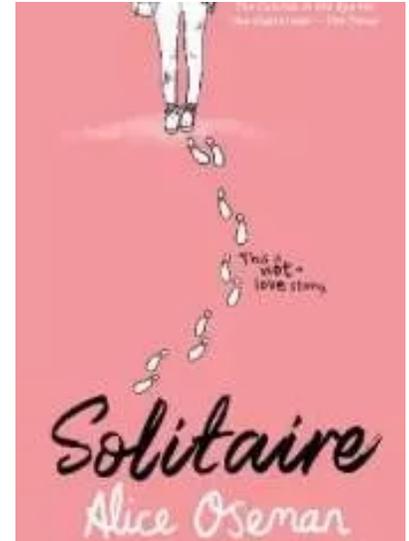
THE DEBUT NOVEL FROM ALICE OSEMAN, AUTHOR OF THE 2021 YA BOOK PRIZE WINNING LOVELESS. SOLITAIRE FEATURES THE CHARACTERS THAT INSPIRED THE BELOVED SERIES HEARTSTOPPER - NOW A MAJOR NETFLIX SERIES.

"THE CATCHER IN THE RYE FOR THE DIGITAL AGE" THE TIMES  
MY NAME IS TORI SPRING. I LIKE TO SLEEP AND I LIKE TO BLOG. LAST YEAR - BEFORE ALL THAT STUFF WITH CHARLIE AND BEFORE I HAD TO FACE THE HARSH REALITIES OF A-LEVELS AND UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS AND THE FACT THAT ONE DAY I REALLY WILL HAVE TO START TALKING TO PEOPLE - I HAD FRIENDS. THINGS WERE VERY DIFFERENT, I GUESS, BUT THAT'S ALL OVER NOW.

NOW THERE'S SOLITAIRE. AND MICHAEL HOLDEN.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT SOLITAIRE ARE TRYING TO DO, AND I DON'T CARE ABOUT MICHAEL HOLDEN.  
I REALLY DON'T.

THIS INCREDIBLE DEBUT NOVEL BY OUTSTANDING YOUNG AUTHOR ALICE OSEMAN IS PERFECT FOR FANS OF JOHN GREEN, RAINBOW ROWELL AND ALL UNFLINCHINGLY HONEST WRITERS.



**" I WANT TO SHOW YOUNG PEOPLE  
AND THEIR PARENTS THAT  
ADOLESCENCE CAN BE EXCITING,  
HEARTENING, POSITIVE.."**

WHAT IF EVERYTHING YOU SET YOURSELF UP TO BE WAS WRONG?

FRANCES HAS ALWAYS BEEN A STUDY MACHINE WITH ONE GOAL, ELITE UNIVERSITY. NOTHING WILL STAND IN HER WAY; NOT FRIENDS, NOT A GUILTY SECRET - NOT EVEN THE PERSON SHE IS ON THE INSIDE.

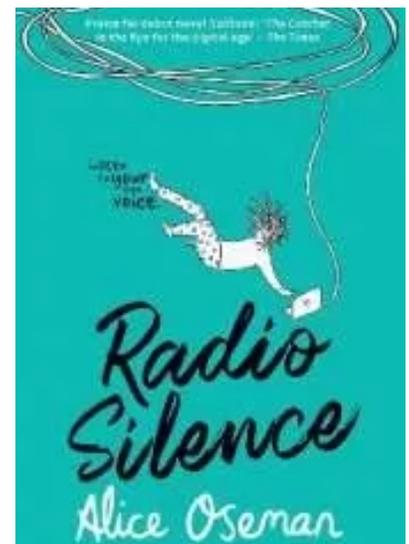
BUT WHEN FRANCES MEETS ALED, THE SHY GENIUS BEHIND HER FAVOURITE PODCAST, SHE DISCOVERS A NEW FREEDOM. HE UNLOCKS THE DOOR TO REAL FRANCES AND FOR THE FIRST TIME SHE EXPERIENCES TRUE FRIENDSHIP, UNAFRAID TO BE HERSELF. THEN THE PODCAST GOES VIRAL AND THE FRAGILE TRUST BETWEEN THEM IS BROKEN.

CAUGHT BETWEEN WHO SHE WAS AND WHO SHE LONGS TO BE, FRANCES' DREAMS COME CRASHING DOWN. SUFFOCATING WITH GUILT, SHE KNOWS THAT SHE HAS TO CONFRONT HER PAST...

SHE HAS TO CONFESS WHY CARYS DISAPPEARED...

MEANWHILE AT UNI, ALED IS ALONE, FIGHTING EVEN DARKER SECRETS. IT'S ONLY BY FACING UP TO YOUR FEARS THAT YOU CAN OVERCOME THEM. AND IT'S ONLY BY BEING YOUR TRUE SELF THAT YOU CAN FIND HAPPINESS.

FRANCES IS GOING TO NEED EVERY BIT OF COURAGE SHE HAS. A YA COMING OF AGE READ THAT TACKLES ISSUES OF IDENTITY, THE PRESSURE TO SUCCEED, DIVERSITY AND FREEDOM TO CHOOSE, RADIO SILENCE IS A TOUR DE FORCE BY THE MOST EXCITING WRITER OF HER GENERATION.



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# HEARTSTOPPER

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An LGBTQ+ graphic novel about life, love and everything in between.