

## Author of the week- Sarah Crossan

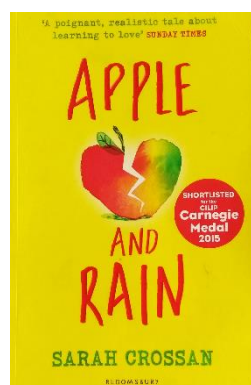
Sarah Crossan is an Irish author, who has won many award for her young adult books.

After her first book alone ('The Weight of Water') she was short listed for the Carnegie Medal, and now, after publishing some of her most popular books, 'Apple and Rain', and 'One,' she won many more awards, including the 'Book Seller Prize,' 'Irish Children's Book of the Year,' and, 'The Red House Children's Book of the Year.'

She graduated from Warwick University in 1999, with a degree in Philosophy and Literature. Her books inspire many young people, with their real life situations, and help many people come to terms with growing up.



## Best of Sarah Crossan



'Apple and Rain' is an inspiring book about a teenage girl called Apollinia (Apple for short) who lives with her sweet but over-protective Nana. When her mum turns up after 11 years away in the US, things start to change. As life at school gets rocky, home life takes a turn for the worse when someone important in her life goes missing, and Apple realises what true friendship means.

"Apple and Rain is an inspirational book that puts the world into perspective"

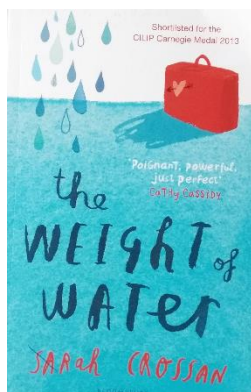
*Anna age 12*



'One' is a heartbreakingly beautiful book about two conjoined twins – undivided by blood and bone. Grace and Tippi don't like being stared at, but they're used to it. They want to be looked at in turn, like they are separate people. They want real friends – not just pity – but what about love? A devastating decision lies in wait for the girls... one that would change their lives more than they asked for.

"Breathtakingly beautiful – brought tears to my eyes"

*Lucy age 13*



'The Weight of Water' is a uniquely motivational read, about a girl struggling to adjust to her new environment. Supplied with a suitcase and an old laundry bag filled with clothes, Kasienka and her mother migrate from Poland to land in England in search of her father. In their small, cramped apartment, her mother's heart is breaking, and at school Kasienka is doing her best to make friends. But that is hard when you are the new girl, speaking very little English, and dropped back a year. But someone is noticing her – Kasienka is swept ashore by a boy named William, whom she meets at the local swimming pool. Together, they head towards her future.

"Most literally a waterfall of emotions"

*Imogen age 13*