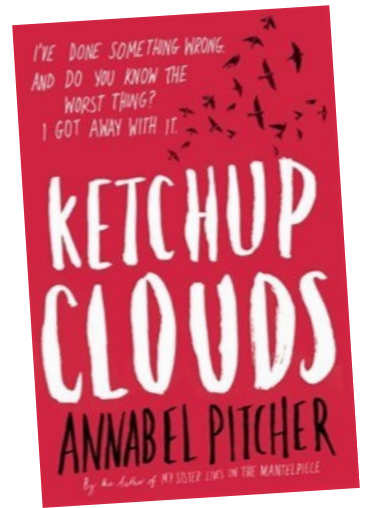


KETCHUP

CLOUDS

BY ANNABEL PITCHER



DEAR MR. S. HARRIS,

IGNORE THE BLOB OF RED IN THE TOP LEFT CORNER. IT'S JAM, NOT BLOOD, THOUGH I DON'T THINK I NEED TO TELL YOU THE DIFFERENCE. IT WASN'T YOUR WIFE'S JAM THE POLICE FOUND ON YOUR SHOE...

ZOE HAS AN UNCONVENTIONAL PEN PAL-MR. STUART HARRIS, A TEXAS DEATH ROW INMATE AND CONVICTED MURDERER. BUT THEN AGAIN, ZOE HAS AN UNCONVENTIONAL STORY TO TELL. A STORY OF LOVE, BETRAYAL, GUILT AND GRIEF.

HIDDEN AWAY IN A SHED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT WITH A JAM SANDWICH IN ONE HAND AND A PEN IN THE OTHER, ZOE GIVES A VOICE TO HER HEART AND HER FEARS AFTER MONTHS OF SILENCE. MR. HARRIS MAY NEVER RESPOND TO ZOE'S LETTERS, BUT AT LEAST SOMEBODY WILL KNOW HER STORY-SOMEBODY WHO KNOWS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO KILL A PERSON YOU LOVE. ONLY THROUGH HER UNUSUAL CONFESSION CAN ZOE HOPE TO ATONE FOR HER MISTAKES THAT HAVE TORN LIVES APART, AND WORK TO PUT HER OWN LIFE BACK TOGETHER AGAIN.

CREATE A REALISTIC LETTER FROM STUART TO ZOE

IMAGINE STUART HARRIS DID TRY TO RESPOND TO ZOE'S LETTERS

- ⇒ WHAT WOULD HE WRITE TO HER
- ⇒ WHAT ADVICE MIGHT HE OFFER.

NOW SWAP THE LETTERS ROUND WITH OTHERS IN THE GROUP AND WRITE RESPONSES TO STUART FROM ZOE.



THE SUSSEX COAST SCHOOLS AMAZING BOOK AWARDS