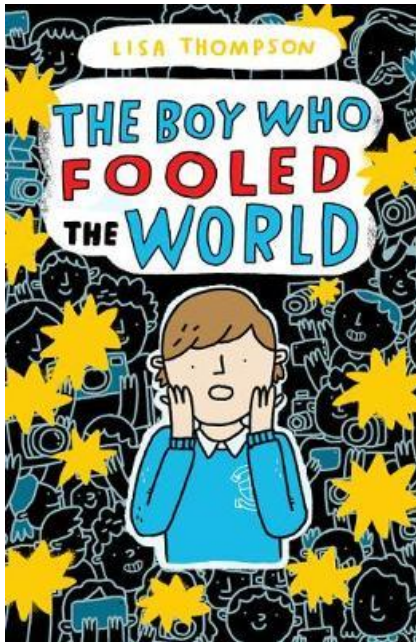


Berkshire Book Award 2021 – Longlist title
The Boy Who Fooled the World by Lisa Thompson



Telling a little white lie now and then is harmless, right? But what if it leads to you being a household name and international celebrity?

Cole is the boy who fooled the world and finds himself trapped in a huge web of lies... can he break free?

*Cole is the odd one out at school: the other kids have the latest gadgets and trainers while his family struggles to make ends meet. Until the day one of his paintings is talent-spotted and **sells for thousands of pounds** at a posh London gallery. Suddenly, Cole is the toast of the international art world, the star guest on TV shows, rich beyond his wildest dreams, hailed as a boy genius! Being famous is FANTASTIC...but Cole has a guilty secret that if exposed will bring everything crashing down around him...*

Book Group Discussion Questions

Do you think that having a lot of money makes people happy?

What would you do if you suddenly became rich beyond your wildest dreams?

What makes a piece of art valuable and another not worth anything?

Cole's mum works in the local museum which is closing down. Do you like visiting museums? Are they still relevant in this digital age?

Would you have done the same as Cole if you found yourself in the same situation?

Would you like to be famous? Do you think the pros outweigh the cons?

Did you expect the book to end the way it did?