

## Usborne acquires “fresh, funny and moving” debut from Tamsin Winter

Usborne Fiction Director Rebecca Hill has acquired UK and Commonwealth rights to contemporary teen debut ***Being Miss Nobody*** and a second untitled novel by secondary school teacher Tamsin Winter. Rights were secured from Luigi Bonomi at LBA.

Rebecca Hill says of the acquisition: “***Being Miss Nobody*** is a pitch-perfect look at the double-edged power of social media and how hard fitting in can be, told in a fantastically fresh, funny and moving voice. Tamsin is a star of the future and we are delighted to welcome her to the Usborne list.”

Tamsin’s agent, Luigi Bonomi comments: “*Tamsin was one of the winners of the 2015 Montegrappa writing competition held at the Emirates Literary Festival and from the first moment I came across her manuscript, I knew this was a really important book. Her novel is one that will speak to thousands of children wrestling with the powers and dangers of social media. She has a great career ahead of her and I couldn’t be happier that Usborne will be publishing her.*”

With all the warmth of Jacqueline Wilson and the contemporary feel of a young Holly Bourne, ***Being Miss Nobody*** is a fresh and smart take on the trials and tribulations of teen life. ***Being Miss Nobody*** will be published in Summer 2017.

*Eleven-year-old Rosie Miles is mortifyingly shy and cannot speak; well, not in front of others. Her classmates at Manor High think she is weird and decide that she is the prime target for their bullying. When Seb, Rosie’s computer whizz-kid brother, tells Rosie she should set up a blog to expose all the bullies in her school, Rosie sets about doing this with a vengeance... And her blog – Miss Nobody – is born.*

*But as the school becomes fixated on the blog, things begin to spiral out of control in a way Rosie could never have imagined. And when people start getting hurt, falsely accused of being Miss Nobody, there’s only one thing Rosie can do. She must speak up. But does she have the confidence to do it?*

***Being Miss Nobody*** tackles questions facing all teens today with humour, heart and honesty.

Tamsin Winter studied English Literature and Creative Writing before working in advertising, travelling and teaching in Singapore for a year. She now works as a secondary school English teacher in Leicestershire and lives with her young son. ***Being Miss Nobody*** is Tamsin’s first novel.

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