

Cloud Busting by Malorie Blackman

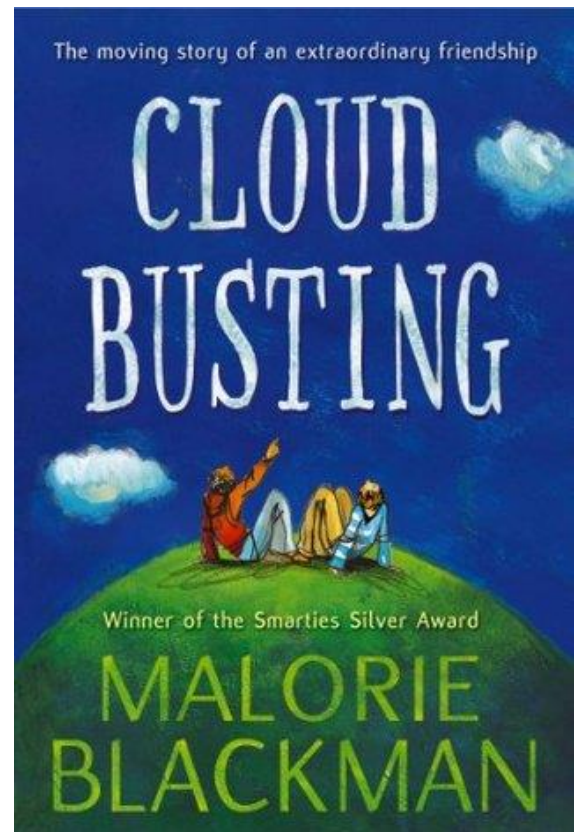
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A moving story of bullying, complex friendships and power of peer pressure in causing misguided decisions.

This novel is told through verse, with a variety of different poetry types and techniques. I love that Chapter Three's poetry type is linked to the content, where Mr Mackie is teaching the class about haikus and the whole chapter is written using the 5-7-5 syllable formatting of a haiku. I also like that Chapter 6 is written using shape poetry, again reflecting the words.

This book would be suitable for KS2 pupils who have already started using poetry and are aware of the different poetic techniques.

I was really blown away by how easy this was to read, even though each chapter was written in a different poetic style. The storyline was good and very relatable. It was the first book I've read that is entirely written in verse, but it won't be the last!



Read it:

- if you like poetry
- if you like other books by the author Malorie Blackman
- if you like stories about friendship
- if you like stories with relatable characters and scenarios

If you like this, read:

- Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman
- 13 Words by Lemony Snicket
- Love That Dog by Sharon Creech
- Gone Fishing: A novel in verse by Tamera Will Wissinger