

Waterstones

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The winner of the Best Older Fiction Category: Lisa Williamson's *The Art of Being Normal*

THE ART OF BEING NORMAL, Lisa's debut novel, was partly inspired by a temporary job at the famous Tavistock Clinic, working with children and young adults going through difficulties with their gender identity.



In a time when issues of gender and identity cut to the quick in challenging society's current values, Lisa Williamson's *[The Art of Being Normal](#)* couldn't have arrived at a more important or receptive moment. Its gripping narrative of two friends, bound by their very differences to the 'normal', will strike a chord in many. For Florentyna, 'books like this help young people going through the uncertainties of growing up to understand they are not alone, whilst at the same time delivering a compelling story with characters that could have stepped out of your local school.'