

## *Thinner Than Water*

### **About The Book**

A heartfelt and uplifting young adult novel with a little bit of grit, *Thinner Than Water* tells the story of two mixed-race girls who are accidentally switched at birth.

All street-smart Kim has ever known are the estates of East London. But Fizzy is more used to the cosy Wimbledon suburbs. Every Sunday, as Fizzy attends church, Kim is more likely to be found captaining her local football team. Kim wouldn't be caught *dead* listening to Fizzy's classical music; Fizzy's parents would kill her if they caught her listening to Kim's.

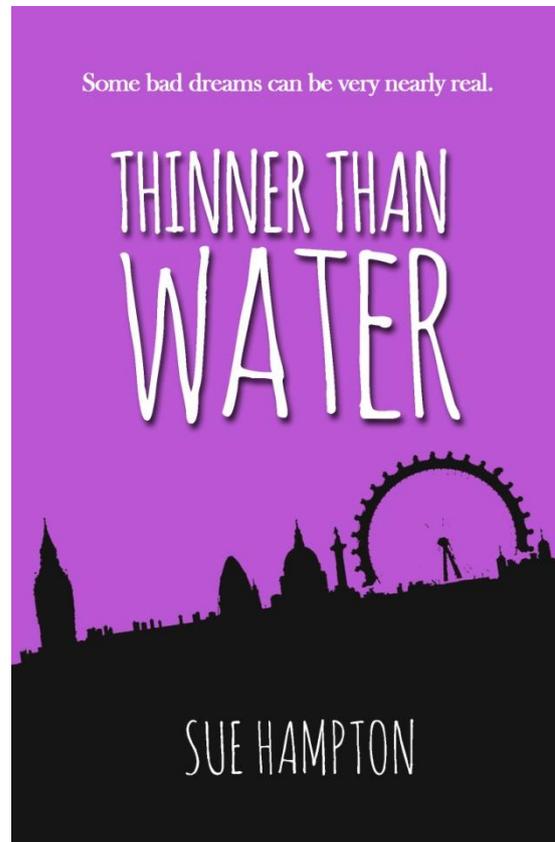
The two girls' paths would probably never have crossed if it wasn't for Kim's estranged dad. But when he disputes his paternity, the truth is revealed – and it leaves the girls strangers not only to their families, but to themselves.

Kim and Fizzy were switched at birth, and have been raised by the wrong parents. Now the two must find out who they really are – and who better to help than the girls they might, and perhaps should, have been: each other.

*Thinner than Water* was inspired by the real-life case of Irina and Anya, two Russian girls born on the same day and in the same hospital who were somehow sent home with each other's parents, the mistake remaining undiscovered until they were twelve.

### **About The Author**

Sue Hampton has published over thirty books for children, teenagers and adults. Her novel *Traces* made the top three in the 2012 People's Book Prize, and *Frank* won bronze in the 2013 Wishing Shelf Award.



A former teacher, Sue is an ambassador for Alopecia UK, a condition which started to affect her in 1981. Her writing champions tolerance, diversity and mutual understanding, and she has made over six-hundred visits to schools, as well as multiple TV and media appearances, in aid of such values.

### **What Other People Are Saying About *Thinner Than Water***

"Contemporary, insightful, humorous and touching... an authentic picture of what it's like to be mixed-race London teenagers."

**Christine O'Brien, Golden Egg Academy**

"This is a brave story – teenagers struggling to discover who they are when the boundaries have been changed – treated with tremendous sensitivity."

**Amazon Review**

### **Key Selling Points**

- Strong female lead characters.
- Based on a true story that received significant media attention.
- A central theme is the navigation of mixed-race identity, a prevalent experience relatively unexplored by YA fiction.
- Sue is a prominent ambassador for Alopecia UK, and maintains a busy schedule of live events, school visits and appearances on TV and in the media.
- A script is available upon request.

### **Comparable Works**

My Secret Sister by Helen Edwards & Jenny Lee Smith

The Girl Who Fell From the Sky by Heidi Durrow

Caucasia by Danzy Senna

Three Identical Strangers

Separated at Birth

The Parent Trap

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