



World Book Day Book Club September reader questions

Our Beautiful Game by Lou Kuenzler

1. Did you identify with any of the characters in the book – if so who and why?
2. Is there anything that's written about in *Our Beautiful Game* that you want to find out more about as a result of reading this book?
3. Do you think people's attitudes to women and football have changed?
4. Is there another period of history you would like a book to be set in?
5. Did this book remind you of any others? Can you recommend some?
6. Did this book inspire you to keep going with a hobby or passion? What does it feel like to do something you really love?
7. Author Lou Kuenzler tells us that Polly was inspired by real life footballer Lily Parr. Lily is described like this in a match programme from 1923:

A phenomenal player, and quite young. Big, fast and powerful, is tricky and can take corner kicks better than most men and scores many goals from extraordinary angles with a left foot cross drive, which nearly breaks the net. Is the tom-boy of the team, who always says exactly what she thinks about everybody and everything – often to the amusement and embarrassment of the other members of the side.

Do you recognise Polly in this description? What do you think would be in a programme description of one or more of the other characters in the book?

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