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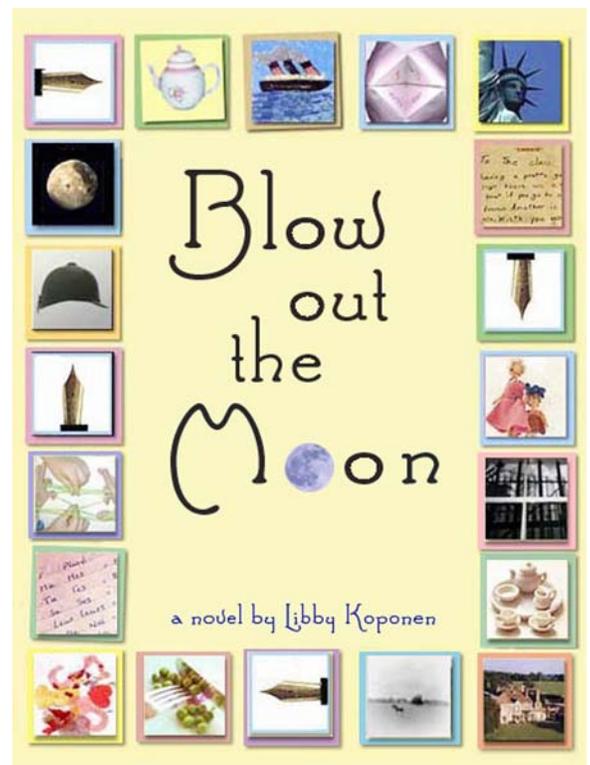
Libby Koponen



**Blow Out
 the Moon**

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An award-winning novel about an
 American girl who goes to an
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Educators and Young Readers on *Blow Out the Moon*

“Soon the words on the page disappear and you are there with her...At heart this is a moving portrait of growing up, formative moments, and lessons learned. Highly recommended.”

Education Oasis

“Libby’s joyous times at Sibton Park make you laugh out loud ...”

Sixth-grader writing in *Just Books*

“What I loved about this novel was its theme of self-determination. Once she begins to see herself through the eyes of her boarding school classmates, Libby decides she needs to make some changes to her brash, impulsive personality. The way she does it – without losing what she thinks of as her ‘Americanness’ – makes for a warm, funny, insightful story. Things do not just happen to Libby: she MAKES them happen ...”

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Joycesidman.com

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The New York Kids Review of Books

Awards

The New York Public Library’s
One Hundred Titles for Reading & Sharing, 2004.

Massachusetts Book Award for “outstanding achievement in Children’s Literature,” 2005.

Reviews of Libby Koponen’s *Blow Out the Moon*

“Saddened to have left her friends and after a less than stellar experience at their local London school, Libby spends the remainder of her time in England on the 88 acre estate of boarding school Sibton Park. Her experiences before, during and after this period of her life are documented in a fictionalized fashion that is entirely refreshing!” *Children’s Literature*

☆ “The word ‘delightful’ is over-used in reviews, but it’s hard to find one that’s more appropriate...Today’s readers, especially Harry Potter fans, will love the British bits and details of boarding school life.”
Booklist, starred review

“Koponen is a gifted writer whose style has a conversational rhythm....a thoughtful, interesting book.” *School Library Journal*

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