



National Teen Book Club

The First Move

Cycle Handbook



NTBC & our featured book

National Teen Book Club (NTBC) brings together 11 to 19 year olds from state schools and colleges across the UK in a shared virtual book club in partnership with Penguin.

We asked our Book Clubbers what theme they wanted for 2022/2023 and they chose Mental Health and Wellbeing. All of our books present opportunities to consider and explore this theme.

Over four weeks, attendees will read Jenny Ireland's *The First Move* independently and discuss with peers in school or college and with other groups of students during live sessions online on **Wednesdays at 3.30-4.30pm, 3rd – 24th May 2023.**

Discounted copies of *The First Move* are available for NTBC attendees – please keep reading for more information!



Purchasing your book

Schools/colleges can order **hard-copies** of *The First Move* for groups at 50% discount (£4.49 each) through Penguin. We share purchase instructions following sign-up to NTBC.

N.B. *The First Move* will be published on 13th April. Schools can pre-order copies before then or place orders following this date. Penguin advise that orders for hard-copies should be placed **minimum two weeks before** they are required. If you sign-up for NTBC after this time, we advise that you follow our instructions to buy eBooks for your groups instead (more information on the next page). Audiobooks are not available on this occasion.

Please ensure you read the following information about hard-copy orders:

- Once a school or college emails their order for hard-copies, they will receive an invoice. **Orders will only be processed once the invoice has been paid in full via bank transfer or over the phone** – these details are stated on the invoice.
- Once payment has been made at your end, it may take around 2 working days for payment to be received and allocated to your order. Payments are usually processed more quickly over the phone.
- Once payment has been received by Penguin, your books will be shipped. Delivery is approximately 7 working days; however, please be aware that postal strikes are delaying deliveries.

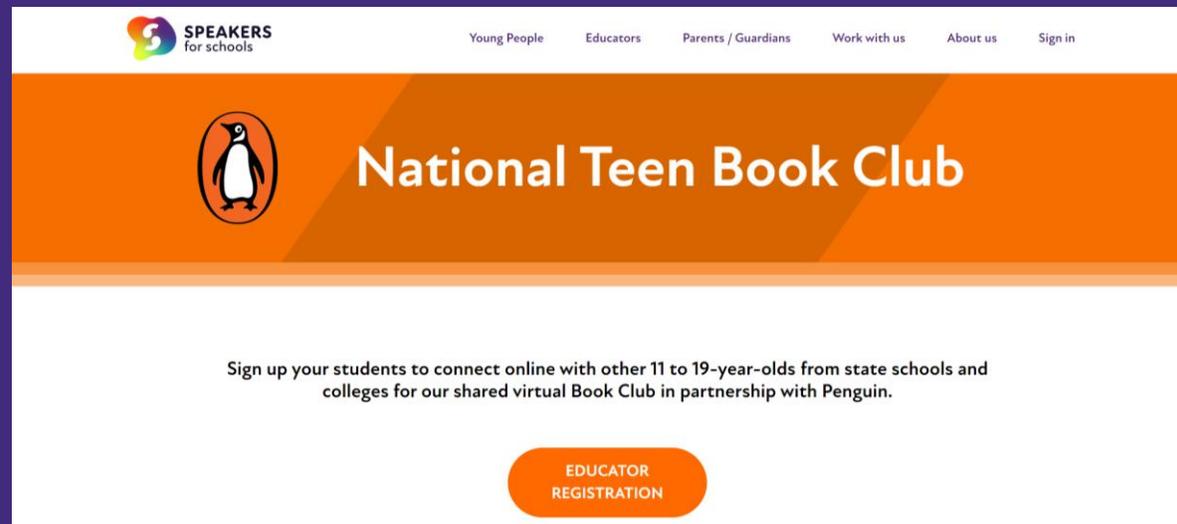
Purchasing your book

NTBC attendees can use our discount codes to purchase **eBooks** for 99p – available from 13th April via Google Play.

N.B. Each person / account can only use our discount codes once.

If you have signed up to this cycle of NTBC but haven't received purchase instructions yet, please email ntbc@speakersforschools.org.

If you haven't signed up yet, head to our webpage and click the Educator Registration button:



Reading schedule, speakers & surveys

Students will read *The First Move* independently. We understand that everybody reads at their own pace, and as our aim is for students to engage with the book and enjoy it, we are not setting a reading schedule. If you feel it would be motivating to set one for your group, however, please feel free – you know them best!

Students may get more out of the final session if they have finished the book by then, when we'll be joined by *The First Move* author Jenny Ireland for a live Q&A – and although we take care, there may be some spoilers. However, discussion of Jenny's career and the book more generally will still be of huge value to our NTBClubbers.

Do also encourage students to take breaks or skip parts if needed – **trigger warnings:** mental health, addiction, cyber-bullying, bullying, illness, bereavement.

Attendees will also hear from speakers in the industry or with a passion for reading or links to the book – and they'll be answering your questions during our weekly events! Students should complete our **pre-programme survey**, where they can also submit advance questions for our speakers. Once our final session of the cycle has taken place, please complete our post-programme surveys: for **students** / **educators**.



Live sessions & resources

Our weekly online sessions are delivered using **Microsoft Teams** and access links will be emailed out to you. We recommend downloading the Microsoft Teams application if you can.

Click the link and join us ready for a 3.30pm start on **Wednesday 3rd – 24th May**. You'll be held in the virtual lobby until then. We ask that you join on mute and stay on mute throughout the session (when in the main call).

If your camera is on during the main call, please ensure you and your students are not doing anything to distract other attendees or the speaker, otherwise we may have to remove you from the call.

Breakout rooms are an opportunity for your group to interact with others, so please try to turn on your microphone and camera at this point if you can – using video and audio will help everyone to get the most out of the experience and create that Club-feel! Educators will need to facilitate discussion within their setting and with other schools and colleges. Attendees will also be able to share thoughts via the chat and ask questions to our speakers using this function too.



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We record our sessions and upload them for participants onto Speakers for School pages online. This means that if any of your students are unable to attend, they'll be able to watch the recording back.

It is the responsibility of the school/college to manage permissions for engagement as per any social media/photography/audio recording/video recording Consent Forms they/their parents or guardians have signed with the school/college. Please review our Data Protection Policy and our Safeguarding Policy.

We have a Consent Form available for you to pass onto parents if you wish. This is to gain permission from parents/guardians for their child's attendance and to direct them to our policies as well.

We know things may come up for you too: rest assured that any adult facilitator is able to cover a NTBC. All they will need to do is ask students that week's Book Club questions.

We also have a [**Seenit Activity Pack**](#) to explore on our website as an additional or alternative resource – students can record a welcome for other students, share thoughts via video on the book and NTBC that we can share during live sessions, and submit questions for our speakers. We encourage students to engage in Book Club discussions as we try to avoid spoilers, but we also understand if they are conscious about this.

Code of Conduct

We want NTBC to be a fun, positive and inclusive environment. Educators and students can help us achieve this by following our Code of Conduct:

- **Be on time** – Our live sessions start at 3.30pm. Click the link to access the live session just beforehand.
- **Be kind & respectful** – It's important to support one another and help each other with tasks during activities. This will help develop teamwork and listening skills.
- **Be considerate** – Stay on mute when others are talking. Don't use inappropriate language.
- **Be safe** – Do not share your personal details with anyone in the chat or in any other form. When in breakout rooms, groups can return to the main call or raise your hand if you need to speak to the host.
- **Be proactive** – Contribute to conversations with other attendees via the chat as well as in breakout rooms using your camera and microphone, if you can. Submit questions for speakers during the Q&A, as well as for Speakers for Schools if you're unsure of anything; it's the best way for your group to learn and get the most out of the experience.

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In the event an attendee's conduct, language or behaviour is inappropriate or disrespectful we will:

- Give a verbal warning to all & a written warning in the chat function in Microsoft Teams.
- They will be removed from the session if conduct does not improve.

There is a zero-tolerance approach to incidents of racism, misogyny, homophobia, transphobia, violence, threatening behaviour and extremism. Anyone found to have instigated or participated in incidents of this nature will be immediately removed from the National Teen Book Club and potentially barred from future participation with Speakers for Schools opportunities.

If you experience any issues or want to talk to us about something that has happened, please contact Speakers for Schools via this email address ntbc@speakersforschools.org and we will get this sorted.

