

Helen Orme



Illustrated by Chris Askham

Helen Orme taught for many years before giving up teaching to write full-time. At the last count she had written over 70 books.

She writes both fiction and non-fiction, but at present is concentrating on fiction for older readers.

Helen also runs writing workshops for children and courses for teachers in both primary and secondary schools.

How many have you read?

Stalker	978 184167 595 4
Taken for a Ride	978 184167 596 1
Odd One Out	978 184167 597 8
Lost!	978 184167 598 5
Trouble with Teachers	978 184167 599 2
Boys!	978 184167 600 5
Brother Bother	978 184167 684 5
Horsing Around	978 184167 685 2
New Man	978 184167 686 9
Who's Who?	978 184167 687 6
Wet!	978 184167 688 3
Moving	978 184167 689 0

Two years on:

Don't Do It!	978 184167 744 6
Sleepover	978 184167 741 5
She's My Friend Now	978 184167 740 8
Secrets	978 184167 743 9
Party Time	978 184167 819 1
Leave Her Alone	978 184167 742 2

Party Time



Helen Orme



Party Time

by Helen Orme

Illustrated by Chris Askham

Published by Ransom Publishing Ltd.

Unit 7, Brocklands Farm, West Meon, Hampshire GU32 1JN

www.ransom.co.uk

ISBN 978 178127 261 9

First published in 2011

This eBook edition published 2016

Copyright © 2016 Ransom Publishing Ltd.

Illustrations copyright © 2011 Chris Askham

A CIP catalogue record of this book is available from the British Library.

All rights reserved. This ebook is copyright material and must not be copied, reproduced, transferred, distributed, leased, licensed or publicly performed or used in any way except as specifically permitted in writing by the publishers, as allowed under the terms and conditions under which it was purchased or as strictly permitted by applicable copyright law. Any unauthorized distribution or use of this text may be a direct infringement of the author's and publisher's rights, and those responsible may be liable in law accordingly.

Accelerated Reader, AR, the Accelerated Reader Logo, and ATOS are trademarks of Renaissance Learning, Inc. and its subsidiaries, registered, common law or applied for in the U.S. and other countries. Used under license.

There is a reading comprehension quiz available for this book in the popular Accelerated Reader® software system. For information about ATOS, Accelerated Reader, quiz points and reading levels please visit www.renaissance.com. Accelerated Reader, AR, the Accelerated Reader Logo, and ATOS are trademarks of Renaissance Learning, Inc. and its subsidiaries, registered common law or applied for in the U.S. and other countries. Used under license.

The rights of Helen Orme to be identified as the author and of Chris Askham to be identified as the illustrator of this Work have been asserted by them in accordance with sections 77 and 78 of the Copyright, Design and Patents Act 1988





Siti and her friends are really close. So close she calls them her Sisters. They've been mates for ever, and most of the time they are closer than her real family.

Siti is the leader – the one who always knows what to do – but Kelly, Lu, Donna and Rachel have their own lives to lead as well.

Still, there's no one you can talk to, no one you can rely on, like your best mates. Right?







Do you want to come?

Rachel was cross. Wil was going to loads of parties.

‘I wish I could do something exciting,’ she said.

‘There’s the school Christmas disco this week isn’t there?’ asked her mum.

‘Yeah, but it’s pretty boring.’



‘Tell you what,’ said Wil. ‘I’ve got an invite to Jen’s party. She said to take some friends. You can come with us if you want.’

‘Mum,’ begged Rachel. ‘Can I go?’



‘Well, I’m not sure,’ said her mum. ‘You won’t know anybody there and they’ll all be much older than you.’

‘She’ll know some of them,’ said Wil. ‘Wayne’s coming, so are Jamie and Susie.’

Rachel looked at her mum.

‘See – they’ll look after me, if that’s what you’re worried about.’

Mum laughed. She knew that now Rachel knew Wayne was going, it would make her even more keen to go.

‘All right,’ she said. ‘As long as Wil looks after you.’



Rachel couldn’t wait to get to school the next day to tell the Sisters about it.

The Sisters were Rachel's best friends. They had known each other for years and were just as close as real sisters; maybe closer.

Donna was cross. 'How come you get to go?' she asked. 'Marie and Briony are going but they didn't ask me.'

Marie and Briony were her real older sisters.

That made Rachel cross. She really fancied Wayne and she knew he was going out with Marie. She got snappy with Donna.

'Maybe my brother thinks I'm adult enough to handle it.'

She stuck her tongue out at Donna. That made Siti laugh.

'Come on, you two,' she said. 'Neither of you stand a chance with Wayne, you should know that by now.'

‘Yeah, I know,’ said Donna. ‘But it’s not fair. It’s not so much that I still fancy Wayne but I’m cross that Marie didn’t ask me.’

‘Oh well, maybe we can do something else instead,’ said Kelly. ‘We could go bowling with Gary, Simon and Billy.’



Lu pulled a face at Kelly. ‘Maybe,’ she said. ‘Maybe not.’