

Suitable for readers aged 14 and up...

Sixteen-year-old Minty just wants to relax with her friends after the stress of GCSEs, and then hopefully get a job over the summer. Perfectly feasible, given normal parents...

But Minty's parents are strict, and to say she doesn't get on with them would be putting it mildly. So she lies to them – about where she is, who she's with, and what she's doing. Then she accidentally stumbles across a secret they've been keeping from her and her whole world starts to fall apart.

Araminta is a contemporary Young Adult novel exploring the challenges of growing up in 21st Century Britain. Minty's helicopter parents treat her like a child and refuse to accept that she is old enough to make her own decisions. The consequences when she openly rebels against them affect the lives of far more people than she could ever have imagined.

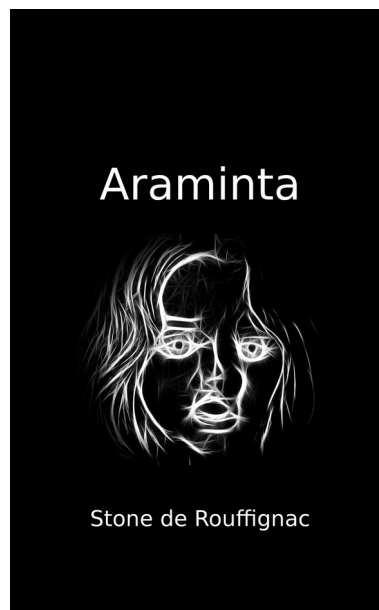
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'Minty!'

Stephanie puts her head round the door, just as I make the first cut. Caught in the act, as it were.

'You shouldn't do that,' she says.

I just shrug. Does she think I don't know?



Then he gets right up in Kingsley's face with a tirade of angry questions.

'How long has this been going on?'

'Well?' he continues. 'I knew there was something. Behind my back...'

'Under my roof!'



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'So what are you going to do?' Kelsey asks. 'I still don't know, guys! I could go to Birmingham, I suppose. Thabi would put me up for a few days, but I can't rely on sofa-surfing as a long-term solution. Besides, it might get her into trouble.'



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