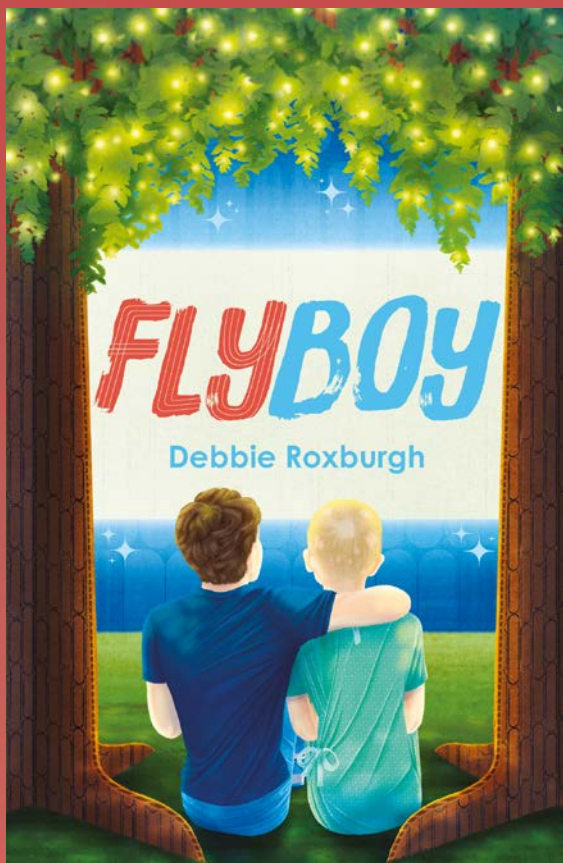




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15 year olds Jude Chalk and Eddie Bree have been best friends since pre-school. Both are huge Star Wars fans and share a love of running.

When Eddie is given a terminal cancer diagnosis, he hands Jude his bucket list. Mission no.1 of 10 is to ask a girl out. Jude is horrified, but does not want to let his best friend down. He gathers his courage and asks a new girl to the school, Tiggy Potts, on a date and is surprised to discover there's a spark between them.

But Tiggy has a secret that leaves Jude facing a difficult choice. Does he alert social services and risk losing her? Or does he pretend everything is fine?

Meanwhile he is faced with Eddie's final mission – a bungee jump. Terrified of heights, Jude overcomes his fears and leaps out over the river Tees. As he hurtles towards the water, he suddenly understands what the bucket list is all about. Eddie Bree is gifting him experiences that will carry him through the dark days ahead.

Grief-stricken after Eddie's death, Jude pulls on his running shoes and heads down to the track where they used to train. As he pounds lap after lap, he realises he owes it to his best buddy to embrace life and everything it has to offer.

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