

“Improving the World” – Really!?!?



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A Beginner's Guide to Improving the World

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Mina's school announces an essay competition: A Beginner's Guide to Improving the World. Really!?! First prize – a trip to Tallinn, Estonia – goes to the class with the most enthusiasm for the subject. That leaves Mina cold at first. But then her grandma goes into a nursing home and all of a sudden it's clear where a person could have a clear impact on someone's daily life. So Mina organizes a nursing home visiting service – not an easy assignment for a class that even the school psychologist avoids. What's more, she has to deal with toxic classmates, a failed romance, boring teachers and her parents' split-up.

After a rough start, what follows is a total surprise, not just for Mina . . . !

This bold and pitch-perfect debut novel by Stephanie Quitterer sets off ideas like fireworks.

It's a rousing, high-spirited tale of idealism and inter-generational friendship.

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