

# SOMEBODY LOVES YOU



**Author:** Mona Arshi  
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**Pages:** 176  
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*Plangent, deft, and sparkling with wry humour, Somebody Loves You is a moving exploration of how we choose or refuse to tell the stories that shape us.*

«A teacher asked me a question, and I opened my mouth as a sort of formality but closed it softly, knowing with perfect certainty that nothing would ever come out again.»

Ruby gives up talking at a young age. Her mother isn't always there to notice; she comes and goes and goes and comes, until, one day, she doesn't. Silence becomes Ruby's refuge, sheltering her from the weather of her mother's mental illness and a pressurized suburban atmosphere.

## Press:

«A glorious debut novel».  
*Salena Godden - Writer*

«A masterful, subtle and heartbreaking novel».  
*Jo Heygate - Bookseller*

«Tender, funny, and exhilarating.»  
*Jeet Thayil - Writer*

«A gleaming, quiet novel cut through with remarkable confidence. Reading Somebody Loves You was like being rocked gently – and then shaken entirely awake.»  
*Jessica J Lee - Writer*

«A fresh, innovative novel that is an ode to families, coming of age and sisterhood.»  
*Roger Robinson - Writer*



### Prizes:

Longlisted for Republic of Consciousness Prize 2022.

Longlisted for The 2022 Jhalak Prize for Book of the Year.

**Mona Arshi** is a British writer. Her debut poetry collection *Small Hands* was published in 2015, winning the Forward Prize for Best First Collection. Mona Arshi regularly appears on BBC Radio 4. Her poems have been published in *The Sunday Times*, *The Guardian* and *the Times of India* and most recently the *London Underground*.