

The Girl Who Could Fix Anything

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BOOK TALK CARDS



Spark discussion and foster a reading community with our top picks



ABOUT THE BOOK

The true story of Beatrice Shilling, whose brilliance and mechanical expertise helped Britain win World War 2.



OUR THOUGHTS

"It's a wonderfully inspirational picture biography, and covers a lesser known figure from 20th Century history and World War II topics."



THEMES:

- Gender stereotypes
- Determination
- Identity
- Equality
- Life skills

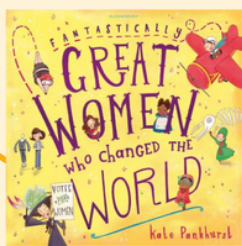
TIME TO TALK

- 1 What would make a person choose tools over sweets? Is there anything you feel this passionate about?
- 2 Why is it important to fix things rather than throw them away? What sort of things can you fix? How do we learn to fix things?
- 3 Sometimes Beatrice made mistakes. What can be useful about experimenting or making mistakes?
- 4 How did the other students feel when Beatrice started university? Why do you think this was?
- 5 Beatrice solved the problem of faulty aircraft engines. How do you go about solving a problem? Who can help with a problem you might have?
- 6 What lessons have you learned from Beatrice that you could apply to your own life?
- 7 Is it significant that the first two people to have faith in Beatrice were both female (her mum and Miss Patridge)? Why do you think this might have been at this time?
- 8 How does it feel if someone believes in you? How do they show this? What can you achieve when someone believes in you?
- 9 'George and Beatrice weren't quite like other couples'... Beatrice had a plane instead of a baby – do you think it is ok to describe this as 'not like other couples'? Is there a certain way to be a family?
- 10 Beatrice never received a top post which recognised her experience. Is this fair? How do you think she felt? Are things more equal now?

TAKE THE TEXT FURTHER WITH OUR TOP 5 TITLES TO CONTINUE THE THEME:



Ruby in the Ruins by Shirley Hughes



Fantastically Great Women Who Changed The World by Kate Pankhurst



Amazing Activists Who Are Changing Our World by Rebecca Schiller and Sophie Beer (illustrator)



The Timekeepers: First Flight by S J King



Little Leaders: Visionary Women Around The World by Vashti Harrison