

**Tia Fisher Talk Reviews by 8B, Abbeyfield School, Northampton. May 2025.**

*I just wanted to share with you some of the reviews our year 8 students wrote today. They were extremely enthusiastic, and I was so happy to hear how excited they are to read Crossing the Line next year (they actually cheered!)*

*Elloise Colbourne, Assistant Director of Learning English, Abbeyfield School, Northampton.*

I've never been the sort of person to read but you really inspired me and I now read Crossing the Line before I sleep and it reminds me of how to not take the wrong path in life and to take the good way. When you gave away the signed book I was crossing my fingers so tight would get it! Many thanks for providing the world with the best book I have ever read.

By Morgan,

When Tia Fisher came to my school, I loved the structure of how Tia Fisher did her session with us. First, she explained who she was, then she read some of the book, then she explained what inspired her to write this book (a boy named Mattie who was pressured to sell drugs) and how it was based on a real-life story.

I was excited for the talk, then I saw the book and I really don't like reading, so I wasn't very excited anymore. Then she started reading and I was very intrigued and really wanted to read the rest of the book, and I also loved the fact that it was in verse novel.

I really recommend getting Tia Fisher to come to your school!

By Lola

Tia Fisher is the author of the book Crossing the Line. She told us how the story was based on real events which made it more real and surprised me quite a lot.

I really enjoyed the way she told the story and how the book was written in verse with only 30,000 words instead of the average 80,000 which was very different to what I expected. My favourite moment was when she showed all of her different jobs and how she got to be an author. I also enjoyed listening to what inspired her into making this book.

I absolutely would recommend Tia Fisher to other schools.

By Evie

I really enjoyed Tia Fisher's visit to our school. She talked to us about her book 'Crossing the Line'. She also read to us sections of the book.

I really enjoyed the talk because of how interactive she was. She was really kind, and let people ask questions and she even handed out bookmarks! I was really surprised when she explained how the book was based on a true story.

I really recommend her talks to other schools as they are very interesting and interactive.

By Eva

I really liked Tia Fisher's talk on her book 'Crossing the Line' because it was about a true story. I liked the way she would act out what was being said in the book. It made it more exciting. I was surprised that when she showed a page of the book, the words were shaped like a gun which made me more invested. I would recommend her because it made the book look even better.

By Kym

Crossing the line is a book about a boy called Erik, who was bullied for having ginger hair. So he stood up for himself and started to fight back and the bullies started to be very kind to him.

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I really enjoyed the talk because it was interactive and that the words in the book were in a shape that relates to the topic on that page.

My favourite moment was when we saw how Tia Fisher's career was before she started writing books.

I would recommend Tia's Fishers talk to other schools because she made the book seem very interesting.

By Khansaa

I really enjoyed Tia Fisher's talk about her book, 'Crossing the Line'. I found the story to be very gripping, and I appreciated the way she talked to us - raw, honest and not trying to patronise us or sugarcoating what really happens within the world of County Lines. The fact that this book was inspired by a real, actual person made it hit so much harder. I would really recommend Tia Fisher's book to other young people interested in this sort of thing.

By Izzie

I really liked the Tia fisher assembly, and I was really surprised it was based on a real story.

I have never heard of County Lines, so I was intrigued of what it was and now I know what it is, I am really intrigued to read her book.

By Josh

Tia Fisher came to my school to tell us a little bit about herself and her book 'Crossing the Line.' I really liked her talk because she mentioned County Lines which is something that impacts many people, especially around our age. I think it's important she talked about such serious topics because it makes us aware of what is happening and what can happen. It teaches us to be careful.

I was surprised that the book was based on a true story, but it made the assembly more engaging. I also liked the fact she spoke to us appropriately and treated us as young adults.

This inspired me because I want to be an author too and she is very successful, having won a lot of medals and awards over her career.

I would definitely recommend Tia Fisher to other schools because I think it's important for everyone to know about the topics her book covers. It was also a very interesting, compelling and enjoyable visit. I'm very intrigued and excited to read her book.

By Evelyn

I enjoyed Tia Fisher's visit to the school because she treated us like young adults and it was a true story and now I'm excited to read the book next term.

By Max

I found the event very exciting, and it brought my interest into reading the book. Tia's dramatic actions made everyone focus on the story.

Something that really was intriguing was how Eric (the main character) was pressured into delivering package with drugs but when Eric later found out that he had to take a gun, he was threatened by the gang members by saying that they knew where his twin sisters went to school.

I recommend purchasing this book as it draws attention to the story, and it relates to real life experience. Overall, this event was very enjoyable.

By Shazmin