



## **CANDY JAR BOOKS TO RELEASE**

### **NIA THORNE'S GRIPPING DEBUT YA NOVEL**

Candy Jar Books is thrilled to announce the release of *We Are Wild Things*, the highly anticipated debut young adult novel by Welsh author Nia Thorne. Described as a modern-day *Lord of the Flies* for Generation Z, *We Are Wild Things* explores the dark dynamics that emerge when twelve teenagers are stranded in the wilderness with no access to technology – and when one of them turns up dead.

The novel follows a diverse group of teens as they fight for survival in the harsh elements, but their biggest threat may be each other. With paranoia and secrets simmering beneath the surface, the teens find themselves torn apart by mistrust and recrimination. Drawing inspiration from contemporary YA series' like *Heartstopper* and *Sex Education*, Thorne's book adds a brutal, dystopian twist.



Keren Williams, Head of Marketing at Candy Jar Books, says: “When a book as well-written as this comes along, we can’t pass up the opportunity to publish it. Nia’s tight writing perfectly captures how young people relate to each other when technology is stripped away. Her characterisation is spot on, and we are very proud to bring this gripping story to readers.”

Nia Thorne, a freelance writer from Wales who also works for the NHS, has been passionate about writing since childhood, inspired by *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Her favourite genres include dystopian and fantasy, and she found inspiration in Taylor Swift’s *Folklore* album while writing *We Are Wild*

*Things*. When she's not writing, Nia is an avid animal lover, with a special place in her heart for dogs.

Nia Thorne says: "Writing *We Are Wild Things* was an intense but rewarding experience. I wanted to explore what happens when modern-day teens are forced into survival mode, stripped of the comforts of technology, and how that affects their relationships and sense of trust. I'm excited for readers to dive into the story and see how the characters evolve."

Wild animals, childhood trauma, and physical hardship are the least of these teen's worries as they struggle to survive one another. *We Are Wild Things* is available from the 31<sup>st</sup> of October and is available at all good bookshops thanks to the Books Council of Wales.