

Anne-Marie Conway

# How To Be More HEDGEHOG



*'A comparatively readable story,  
full of drama and full of hope.'*  
Michael Filer

# About the Author

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**Anne-Marie Conway is a primary school teacher specialising in drama, but also runs her own children's theatre company, Full Circle. She lives in London with her husband, two young sons and two eccentric cats, Betty and Boo.**

**"The inspiration for the main character was Susie (not her real name). I first encountered Susie when she was six. I had just started a new job as a Drama specialist teacher and Susie was in Year 1. She was extremely bright, chatty and confident and she loved Drama. Susie also had a stammer. Through teaching Susie, I learned that children can be confident without being fluent. That they must be given the space to express themselves however long it takes.**

# I STAMMER

## WHAT'S YOUR SUPER POWER?





# FIND YOUR BRAVE





# What Helps!

## **GIVE TIME**

*Wait for them to say what they need to say*



## **BE KIND**

*Stammering is a different way of talking.  
Be kind and encouraging*



## **TAKE TURNS**

*Make sure everyone gets a chance to say  
what they want to say*

## **LISTEN**

*Listen to what they have to say, not how  
they say it. Show you are listening using  
your body language .*



## **REASSURE**

*If some-one is struggling with talking, say 'It's  
OK, I am listening' . Ask them what helps  
them. Everyone who stammers is different.*



## **TALK TO SOMEONE**

*If you are worried about stammering, talk to  
your parent or a teacher.  
You can get help if stammering is bothering you*

