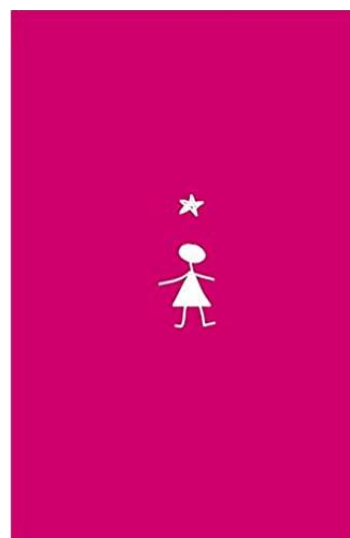


Books to read (and films to watch) during Isolation.

'Stargirl' by Jerry Spinelli.*



I have been banging on about this book for years. When I first read it I could not put it down – I simply had to know what happened to Stargirl. Jerry Spinelli, the author who also wrote 'Loser', has been trying to get this film made for twenty years. Finding someone to play Stargirl may have been the problem.

Grace VanderWaal, Who won 'America's Got Talent' about five years ago, was not even born when Spinelli wrote the book. She is Stargirl. Quite simply the best adaptation of a brilliant book that I have ever seen. The film is even better than the book. Beautiful. Perfect.

The film has just been released on Disney+ (March 18th 2020). Perfect for all the family. The book (first published in 2000) is very American and will make more sense to any child who watches lots of American High School dramas on TV. Alternatively, try to watch the film and then give it a go.

School and I have lots of copies so if you really need to read it then message us and I will get a copy to you in the post.

Tony Grafton.

(* **WARNING:** May contain kissing.)