

My Dear I Wanted To Tell You by Louisa Young

The story is set in 1907-18, around the second world war.

It is fiction, but based on aspects of fact. Not all the characters are fictional. The author's Grandfather was "Scott of the Antarctic" and his wife, her Grandmother, a sculptor, worked with Major Harold Gillies, the pioneer plastic surgeon.

In this story Harold Gillies rebuilds the face of Riley Purefoy, a young soldier who suffers terrible facial injuries. Riley feels his girlfriend Nadine won't cope with his injuries and so writes her a letter, it begins 'My Dear I wanted to Tell You...'

This is a graphic and heartbreaking, war and love story and tells how people can adapt and move on. Not one you will easily forget.

Our group all enjoyed this well written book, albeit a few tears were shed, and they would like to read more of Louisa's books.