**Discussion ideas for …**

**The Boy at the Top of the Mountain by John Boyne**

* Before his parents die and he goes to live with his aunt, Pierrot is best friends with Anshel. Once Pierrot moves he loses contact with him. Discuss in your group if you think this was the right thing and why it happened.
* What did you think of Aunt Beatrix when we first met her? Did your opinion change as the book progressed?
* How do you think Pierrot’s parents would have reacted to the changes in him?
* Do you think Pierrot fully understood the effect his orders and actions had on people or do you think he was trying to impress Hitler without understanding why?
* What did you think about Hitler changing Pierrot’s name to Pieter?
* Where do you think the people who were taken from the town went?