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| John Hunt Publishing - **Lodestone Books** - announces the new title | | |
| **Hospital High** based on a true story  Mimi Thebo  My life had been saved...and boy, was I annoyed. Humour and attitude keep Coco going when things get grim. Her relationships with her mother, hospital staff and other injured teens sustain her when her school friendships fall apart. But although everyone's working to give Coco a normal life, Coco doesn't think 'normal' is enough... When she was fourteen, the author Mimi Thebo died in a car accident. Hospital High is a young adult novel based on the day she died and the subsequent three years spent recovering from the accident.  **Author Bio** Mimi Thebo is a writer for adults and children, born in Kansas City, USA. Her work has been translated into dozens of languages, has been made into films and signed for young deaf children. She is a prize winning poet and her short stories have been read on BBC Radio 4. She teaches Creative Writing at Bath Spa University and lives in the south west of England. Online: [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/Mimi-Thebo-1616475715255005/), [Author Website](http://www.mimithebo.net/), [Blog](https://myglamorousliterarylife.com/), [Twitter](http://www.twitter.com/#!/@MimiThebo)  **Previous Titles** Get Real (9780007142804), HarperCollins, 2006. Welcome to Eudora (9780345492197), Ballantine USA, 2007. Corner Booth Chronicles (9780345492203), Ballantine USA, 2009. Dreaming the Bear (9780192745880), OUP, 2016.  **Endorsements** *Praise for Mimi Thebo's previous novel Dreaming the Bear: Mimi Thebo's Dreaming the Bear has been chosen as a 'Future Classic' in the 2016 book pack and six copies have been supplied to all secondary schools in the UK.* ***Booktrust***  **Promotional Plans** Book tour around UK secondary schools, visits to high schools in Kansas. Promotion through University Creative Writing departments using Thebo's academic connections. Social media.  **USP** YA fiction from a popular children's author, based on a real-life accident, grounding the writing in reality to help teens and young adults cope with the aftermath of injuries and illness.  **Competing Books** The Fault In Our Stars 9780141345659, by John Green Penguin, 2013  **Categories** YOUNG ADULT FICTION (General)(YAF023010) -> Health & Daily Living (General)(YAF023010) -> Diseases, Illnesses & Injuries(YAF023010) YOUNG ADULT FICTION (General)(YAF058120) -> Social Themes (General)(YAF058120) -> Friendship(YAF058120) YOUNG ADULT FICTION (General)(YAF058220) -> Social Themes (General)(YAF058220) -> Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance(YAF058220) |  | **Publication Date** September 2017  **Paperback** ISBN: 978-1-78535-187-7 $12.95  |  7.99 8.5x5.5 inches | 216x140 mm 304PP  **e-book** ISBN: 978-1-78535-188-4 $6.99  |  3.99  **Library of Congress** 2016939768 |
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