



## **According to Ruth by Jane Feather**

According to Ruth chronicles the events and emotions of one momentous summer. The break-up of a marriage and the effect this has on four children is told largely from the darkly humorous perspective of fifteen-year-old Ruth, who is desperate to escape the strictures of family life and pursue her own fantasy-fuelled quest for love.

There are many sides to every story, and the reader soon leaves Ruth behind to venture further into the heart of the disintegrating relationship and to explore the suppressed and unresolved emotions of the family in the neighbouring farmhouse, who are trying to come to terms with a very different tragedy.