

ABOUT THE BOOK – (120 WORDS)

When Libby’s lifelong friend, Emma, persuades her to adopt a strong-willed rescue dog named Bounty the intention is simple: help restore Libby’s fitness which has declined due to MS. But the unruly Bounty sets off a chain of events neither woman could have foreseen. Bounty steers a reluctant Libby into a hidden dog-park community where she finds her assumptions about disability and belonging are challenged.

As Emma reveals her own devastating diagnosis there is a gradual recalibration in their friendship as roles are reversed. *Bounty* is the story of enduring friendship and of one dog forcing the door open to connection, community and renewal.

“A testament to friendship, illness and the love of a good dog.”
— Astrid Edwards, Chair of Judges, 2025 Stella Prize