

Year 7 'Skellig' Knowledge Organiser

Summary

When a move to a new house coincides with his baby sister's illness, Michael's world seems suddenly lonely and uncertain. Then, exploring a ramshackle garage with new-found friend Mina, he finds something magical. A strange creature - part owl, part angel, a being who needs Michael's help if he is to survive.

Plot

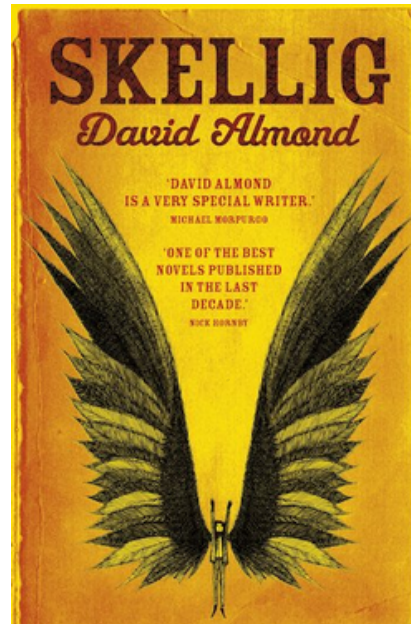
A family are concerned about the welfare of a newborn baby so a lonely young boy befriends his neighbour and they uncover a strange creature in his garage.

Themes

Nurture, Kindness, Faith, Schooling vs Home-Schooling, Pain and Suffering, Life and Death, Evolution/Change and Growing Up.

Setting

Set in England (Europe) in the North East. Michael and his family have moved to a housing estate in Newcastle. Much of the book is set between Michael's garage/house, Mina's house or in Michael's school



What Can the Book Teach Us? Emotional nurturing can improve our lives. Change takes time and may not be what we expect. There is not an answer for everything.

Quotes "They say that shoulder blades are where your wings were." "Sometimes we think we should know everything. But we can't."

Characters

Michael Protagonist – 10-year-old boy who loves football and cares about his newborn sister. He also helps Skellig.

Mina Home-schooled neighbour with a creative flair and a love of poetry, drawing and an interest in birds.

Skellig Antagonist? Depicted as a homeless man but Michael and Mina discover his wings and consider that he might be something else.

Michael's Parents Names are never given but they deeply care for Michael and the newborn baby.

Dr Dan/Dr Death A family doctor who visits throughout the book.

Mrs Dando A caring auxiliary teacher at Michael's school.

Coot and Leakey Michael's best friends from school.

Mina's Mother Mrs McKee is a warm and friendly character.

Dr MacNabola An arrogant but friendly doctor who Michael talks to.

Rasputin Michael's science teacher.