

Important Information

Plot

All Tom Gates wants to do is get tickets to see his favourite band when they come to town. It's not easy when he's up against Delia, his weirdo big sister. All of his plans seem to get him into major trouble!

Themes

Conflict, friendship, bullying, love, family, values, tolerance, good vs evil, courage and heroism.

Setting

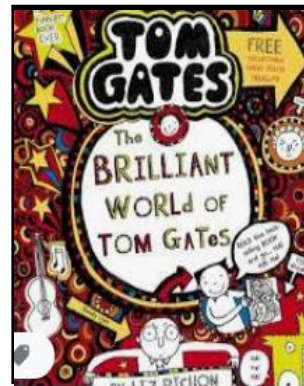
Most of the story is set in Oakfield School or in Tom Gate's house (across the road from his school).

Characters

Tom Gates	The main protagonist of the story.
Derek	Tom's best mate and next-door neighbour
Marcus Meldrew	The most irritating and annoying boy in 5F.
Mr Fullerman	He is Tom Gates' class teacher
Delia Gates	She is Tom's grumpy sister
Mom	Rita Gates is the mother of Tom and Delia.
Dad	Frank Gates can be both serious and a joker.
Amy Porter	Tom Gates' friend. She is really smart.
Mrs Worthington	A teacher that Tom doesn't like.
Dude3	Tom's favourite band
Rooster	Derek's dog.

Context

Tom Gates is a master of excuses, expert doodler, comic story writer extraordinaire and the bane of his grumpy teacher Mr Fullerman's life. It explores the emotional and physical experiences of school life through the diary entries of Tom Gates.



Quotes

Anger is just a cowardly extension of sadness.

Sitting next to Mr Fullerman is already proving tricky because I am being forced to...work!

THE 7 STORY TYPES

NO. 5 - COMEDY

The plot of a comedy involves some kind of conflict that must be resolved before the hero and heroine can be united in love.



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NO. 3 - THE QUEST

The hero or heroine, often accompanied by assistants, travel in search of a priceless treasure and must defeat evil and overcome powerful odds which ends when they succeed. Unlike "Rags to Riches" if the main character is in it for the long haul.



Key Vocabulary

guitar	a stringed instrument with a long neck and strings that are strummed or plucked.
enthusiastic	having or showing great interest.
detention	Keeping someone in as a punishment
unstoppable	Not able to be stopped
rambling	To talk or write without a purpose
volunteer	A person who offers to work or help without pay
rendition	A performance of a dramatic or musical performance
memorise	To learn completely
beady-eyed	Eyes that look with suspicion
mummified	To dry up and shrivel like a mummy
hobby	An interest or activity
brainwave	A sudden idea
frantic	Very excited by worry or fear
stunned	To shock or amaze
VIP	Very Important Person

