

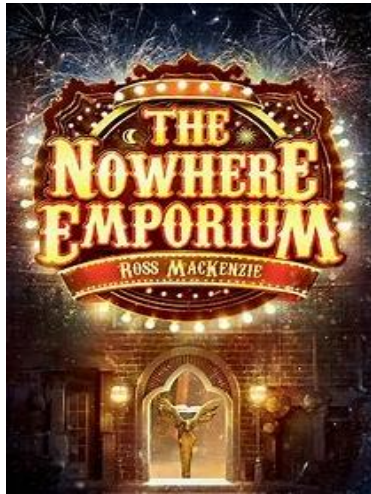
English Knowledge Organiser - The Nowhere Emporium

Important Information

Plot
Daniel ends up in the Nowhere Emporium which can travel through time and place and takes control of a 'Book of Wonders' where he is able to magically effect the happenings within.

Themes
Bullying, Life and Death, Creativity and Imagination, Friendship, Love and Courage.

Setting
The Nowhere Emporium travels from the present day back to the Victorian-era, starting in Glasgow and then to Venice and New York.



Name of Book: The Nowhere Emporium
Date Published: 2015
Author: Ross MacKenzie
Genre: Fantasy

Characters

Daniel	Protagonist - Orphan who escapes bullying.
Lucian Silver	Capable of great magic. Owner of Book of Wonders.
Vindictus Sharpe	Antagonist - Deep and unsettling history with Mr Silver.
Birdie	VS's magic show partner.
Ellie	Mr Silver's 12-year old daughter (trapped)
Anja	Snake charmer, good friends with Caleb.
Caleb	Incredibly strong. Good friends with Anja.
Michelle	VS's daughter and key part to the plot.

Quotes

"Even particles of dust caught in a bar of sunlight, seemed to glow like stars."

Context - Ross MacKenzie lives in Renfrew, a few miles west of Glasgow in Scotland. He was heavily influenced by The Witches by Roald Dahl and wanted to create a book which made children want to read the next section every time they picked it up. His favourite book is Coraline due to its dark characters and strange worlds. He particularly likes writing the antagonist characters in his books which allow him to explore those darker elements of storytelling.

Key Vocabulary

emporium	A large shop selling a great variety of items
intricate	Something which is detailed
jostled	To bump, push or force past
spectacle	A public show or display
orphanage	An institution for children
adorned	To decorate or add beauty
stout	Bulky in figure, heavy built
stigma	A stain on someone's reputation
stowed	To hide or place in storage
beneficiaries	A person or group who receive benefits
veered	To change direction
deteriorate	To become worse over time
contemplate	To observe or study thoughtfully