

THE TEAR THIEF – KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER.

CONTEXT – First Published in 2007.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE BOOK:

With a collection of beautiful illustrations and stunning examples of figurative, poetic language, we go on an adventure. What happens with our tears when we cry? Where do they go? The Tear Thief will tell all...

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

As well as her imaginative stories, Dame Carol-Ann Duffy is also famous for her poetry and plays. She is a professor of contemporary poetry at Manchester Metropolitan University, and was appointed Britain's Poet Laureate in May 2009, resigning in 2019.

KEY VOCAB:

Waterproof sack/ Reflection/ Handkerchief/ Supper/ Enticing/ Perched/ Dangled/ Pounced/ Snatched/ Shimmied/ Bad-tempered/ Tantrum, Purloined/ Moonbeams/ Gazed

MAIN CHARACTERS

- Tear Thief
A ghostly character who goes around collecting the tears of children.
- Young girl
A young girl who proves to have the most special of tears.

KEY GRAMMAR SKILLS:

Adverbs & Adverbials
Prepositions & Prepositional phrases
Speech with EAST
Hyphens
Figurative language
Formal language
Standard English

BOOKS BY THE SAME AUTHOR:

- Queen Munch & Queen Nibble
- Underwater Farmyard
- The lost happy endings
- The Princess' blankets
- Moon zoo

KEY THEMES: – A message/ idea/ image that runs throughout the story.

EMOTIONS:

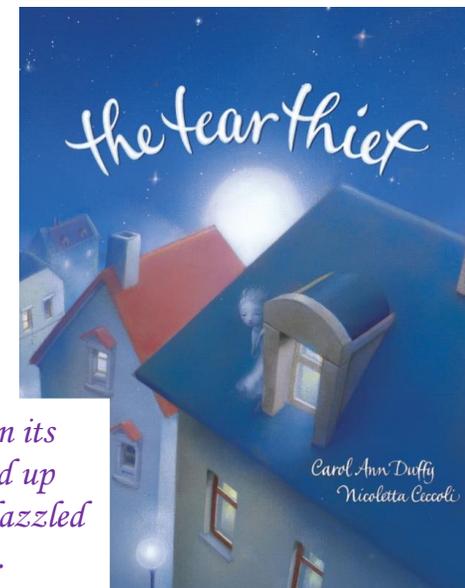
There are lots of moments in this story where emotion is shown. The book explores how emotions can be very real and sometimes, less true. The book tries to explore how you might think you feel one emotion whereas you are just struggling to communicate it in the correct way.

MAGIC:

There are lots of lovely, magical and imaginative moments shown throughout this book. The story shows a tale where magical characters are very real and part of everyday life.

SEQUENCE/ WRITING OPPORTUNITIES:

- Learning about the text – lots of reading activities
- Drama & role-play activities
- Description
- Conversation
- Comparative report
- Write a new opening



The tears were jewels in the darkness of the sack...

The river lay on its back and gazed up at the moon, dazzled and lovesick...

The Tear Thief pounced. In one quick movement, snatched the tear from the boy's nose...