

Knowledge Organiser The Boy in the Tower

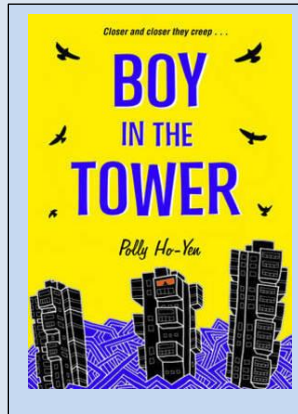
Can discuss a book that has been read, taking turns and listening to what others have to say. Can ask questions to improve understanding of the text.

Can infer characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions and justify these inferences with evidence from the text. Can identify a main idea from an extract of text.

Be able to justify their views drawing evidence from the text and explain their understanding through presentation and debate.

Star vocabulary

- Wispy** – delicate/fluffy
- Stealthily**- quietly/silently
- Daze**- shock/bewilderment
- Shepherding**- guiding/directing
- Bickering**- quarrelling/arguing
- Irritable**- ill-tempered/grouchy
- Apprehensive**- worried
- Traumatic**- distressing
- Haul**- drag/tug
- Awkwardly**- uneasily/clumsily
- Cluster**- group/gather
- Deserted** – desolate/abandoned
- Lure**- bait/trap
- Obeying**- complying/abide by
- Bloated**- inflated/swollen
- Hoarse**- croaky/husky
- Barricade**- block/fence
- Contamination**- infection/pollution

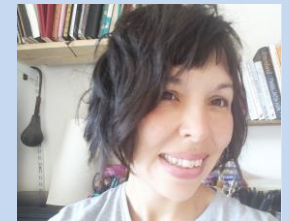


Context

From the seventeenth floor of the tower block where he lives with his mother, Ade watches as the buildings fall around him. The Bluchers - a strange and terrible kind of plant - are taking over the city, and everyone is being forced to evacuate, but his mother is refusing to leave her room. And so, Ade watches alone as the city slowly empties and the bluchers creep ever closer.

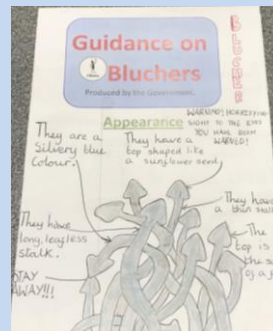
Genre
Fiction

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Polly started off as a Primary school teacher in London and is now a full-time author. Her stories are rooted in worlds that young people know and recognise. This book was nominated for the Carnegie Medal and shortlisted for the Blue Peter and Waterstones Children's book awards.

Bluchers:



Deadly plants that are trying to take over the city.

Key characters

Ade – a loyal and determined boy who lives with his mum in a flat in a London tower block. Mum –

Ade's mum who is suffering from depression and refuses to leave their flat.

Gaia – Ade's best friend at school who lives in the tower block opposite Ade's.

Dory – an old woman who lives in Ade's tower block. Obi – the caretaker of Ade's tower block. Ben – a man who lives in Gaia's tower block