

# Knowledge Organiser    Stuart Little by E.B. White

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

**Unsuitable** not meant or adapted for a particular purpose

**Solemnly** in a serious and dignified manner

**Horrify** fill with anxiety, dread or alarm

**Haul** draw slowly or heavily

**Stoop** bend one's back forward from the waist on down

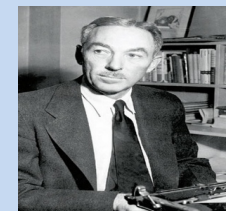
**Emerge** to come out into view



## Context

Stuart Little was published in 1945 at the end of World War II. The story was set in New York. This was a huge city even back then. In 1945, 12.5 million people lived there. Central park is 4 kms long and 0.8 kms wide. It is the most visited urban park in the United States. It is home to many birds and animals. It contains seven man-made lakes and ponds.

## Author – E. B. White



An important contributor to the New Yorker during the 1930s.

He started writing children's books after his niece suggested it.

He wrote his first story in 1945.

Died on October 1 1985.

## Key characters

**Stuart Little** – brave, determined mouse

**Stuart's parents and older brother** humans who go out of their way to make sure Stuart fits in

**Maragolo** a bird who is Stuart's friend and becomes lost

**Snowball the cat** enemy of Stuart and later Maragolo



Central  
Park, New  
York