



Knowledge Organiser

Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell

Able to demonstrate what I have read, talking about characters, events and settings and answer a range of questions about the text.

Recognise that texts and books are structured in different ways and discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest. I can understand and explain the meaning of words in context.

Able to understand what I have read by asking questions, retrieving and recording facts, drawing inferences and identifying how language and structure contribute to meaning.

Star vocabulary

Scholar a specialist in a particular branch of study

Ward a child who has a guardian appointed by the court to take responsibility for that person

Cello a bass instrument of the violin family, held upright on the floor between the legs of the seated player

Orphan a child whose parents are dead



Key characters

Sophie – the main character

Charles – Sophie's father. The man who finds Sophie when she is just a baby.

Miss Elliot – child care officer

Matteo – Sophie's friend she meets in Paris.

The Garriers -the group of boys who live at the train station.

Genre

A fantasy historical adventure story

Context

Children orphaned during Victorian times was not unusual because mortality was so high during this time.

Orphans who could not find a place in an orphanage sometimes had to live on the streets or in workhouses. Workhouses provided food and shelter in return for hard, unpleasant work.

Author-Katherine Rundell



Born 1987

Spent her childhood in Africa and Europe. She completed a degree in English and a doctorate. She is now a full-time writer.

In 2014, her book *Roftoppers* won the Waterstones Children's book prize and the Blue Peter Book Award for best book.

The River Seine in Paris

